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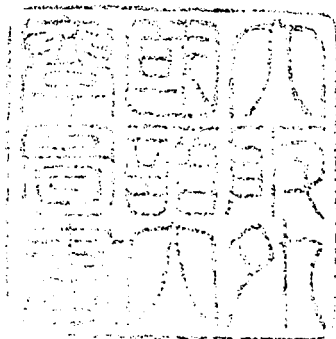
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TRANSCRIPTION

Transliteration of Hindi utterances into Roman is made on the basis of the following equivalences:

@ = a vocalic segment realizable as aa, e, ii or II.¹

✓a = अ	✓Dh = ढ	✓kh = ख	✓s = स
A = अँ	✓e = इ	✓l = ल	✓S = श, ष ^{dh}
✓aa = आ	E = ऐ	✓m = म	✓t = त
AA = आँ	✓f = फ	✓n = न ²	✓T = ट
✓ai = ऐ	✓g = ग	✓ñ = ङ	✓th = थ
AI = ऐँ	G = गा	✓N = ण	✓Th = ठ
✓au = औ	✓gh = घ	✓o = ओ	✓u = उ
AU = औँ	✓h = ह	O = ओँ	U = ऊँ
✓b = ब	✓i = इ	✓p = प	✓uu = ऊ
✓bh = भ	I = ई	✓ph = फ	UU = ऊँ
✓c = च	✓ii = ई	q = क	✓w = व
✓ch = छ	II = ई	✓r = र	✓x = ख
✓d = ढ	✓j = ज	R = ङ	✓y = य
✓D = ड	✓jh = झ	Rh = ढ	z = ज
✓dh = ध	k = क	ri = ऋ, रि	

Unpronounced schwas, either word-final or those deleted by rule³, are not indicated in the transcription.

1/ See Pray 1970, pp 41-43.

2/ n may also represent ण when this is followed by c, ch, j or jh.

3/ See Pray 1970, p 93, for a formulation of this rule.

Section One: Introductory Remarks

Anyone who has taught Hindi to Westerners will have remarked their bewilderment when first confronted with a verb sequence such as that in

a andar aa jaao come in!

(literally: inside come go!)

and their surprise when told that a compound sequence such as aa jaao means essentially the same thing (in English, at least) as the single verb in

b andar aao come in!

(literally: inside come!)

There usually follows a spate of questions: What is the difference in meaning between aao and aa jaao? When does one use the one? When, the other? It is to help provide the conscious and explicit knowledge needed to answer questions such as these that this essay on the compound verb in Hindi has been written.

The body of this work is in two parts: The first part (Section Three) examines and elaborates the formal and semantic criteria needed to define the class of compound verbs distinct from other types of verb-verb sequences in Hindi. This section ends with a list of the twenty-two¹ "vector verbs" which in combination with the main verbs of Hindi form the class of compound verbs.

The second part (Section Four) deals with the question that most grammarians skirt: What does the compound verb mean? Two important attempts have already been made to answer this question: Hacker 1958 (who concludes that the compound verb expresses Bestimmtheit 'definiteness' and functions in opposition to the simple verb as Stilmittel 'stylistic device'²) and Pořízka 1967, 1968, 1969 (who compares the opposition simple:compound verb in Hindi to that of imperfective:perfective verb in the Slavic and Baltic languages.³)

Although the conclusions reached by these two writers need not be conceived of as conflicting with one another nor is either of them incompatible with the ones we reach here; it is nonetheless true that neither of

1/ Twenty-four if one includes the two anti-vectors paa and sak. See below, section 3.2.6.

2/ Hacker's views are set forth in greater detail in 4.1.

3/ Pořízka's thesis provides a point of departure for the conception of the function of the simple:compound verb developed here. See sections 4.1.1, 4.2.3 and 4.5.

them is specific enough to be of much help to those attempting to teach students how and when to use the compound verb in Hindi.⁴ It is here that we feel that the present essay makes its major (though not only) contribution.

A few semantic and syntactic environments conditioning the unique (or preferred) occurrence of the simple verb have been noted before now.⁵ To these we add a great many more, not only of those that condition the simple verb, but a number of semantic environments which condition the unique (or preferred) occurrence of the compound. Not only is a knowledge of these environments an end in itself for those teaching or learning Hindi, but also the attempt to relate their semantic properties to the aspectual contrast postulated as the basic content of the simple:compound opposition throws further light on the communicative functions of this aspectual contrast.⁶

4/ For instance, it is clear that the following generalization concerning compound verbs in jaa would not be of much practical assistance to the learner faced with the task of deciding whether the expression of a given action in Hindi should be via a simple verb or a compound: "Modified verbal expressions with jaanaa simply denote an action as marked with regard to its realization as such." Porizka 1969, p 43.

5/ These include those discussed in sections 4.1.2, 4.3.2.1, 4.3.2.2, 4.3.2.8, 4.3.2.9 and 4.3.2.10.

6/ For the concept of "communicative function" (as opposed to "semantic contrast") see section 4.1.3.

Section Two: Methodological Remarks

Kalicharan Bahl, who of all those who have turned serious attention to the problem of the compound verb in Indo-Aryan languages must be considered the one most highly qualified in terms of background in modern linguistic theory and knowledge of the languages in question begins his lengthy essay on the compound verb in Hindi¹ with the following quotation from Hacker 1961:

"The Khari Boli is a literary language. It is therefore legitimate and necessary that its syntax should be studied not only as the syntax of a colloquial language but also, and specially, as the syntax of a literary language, i. e. that the material for the investigation should be taken from literary texts. ...The aid of persons who can be said to have Hindi as their mother tongue cannot, however, be dispensed with. But it has to be borne in mind that the questioning of informants includes sources of error. Interpretations and answers and comments given by informants can be used only as materials, not as solutions. They have to be tested by comparison with the results obtained from the observation

1/ See Bahl 1967, Preface, second page.

of the literary material, and these results may again be tested in conversations and questions. Such procedures are, however, only accessory. The interpretation of the texts yields its results independently of informants' comments." 2/

It seems to us that limiting themselves to inferences made solely on the basis of textual attestation has hindered Pořízka,³ Hacker and, especially, Bahl in their investigations of the functions of the compound verb for several reasons: I. There is no more unity of usage in written Hindi than in spoken. However, while speakers can indicate that certain of their speech patterns are not acceptable to one another; writers cannot. II. More generally, written documents cannot provide us with negative information. While it may be crucial for the demonstration of a given analysis of a form to know that the form in question cannot (or is less likely to) be used in a given meaning, it is not possible to infer this from an attestation of that form in some other meaning or from its absence altogether no matter how large the corpus of random⁴ literary utterance. III. Written documents (as well as oral attestations captured "on the wing" as it were by hidden recorders) can never provide the sets of

2/ Quoted by Bahl 1967 from Hacker 1961, p 507.

3/ Pořízka more than the other two has recourse to negative data elicited from informants. See Porizka 1969, p 26 and p 30. (Cited below in section 4.1.1 ad fn 8)

4/ Random with respect to what the linguist needs to prove a point.

minimally different utterances⁵ which one needs in order to identify and define elements of meaning with respect to elements of form.

Our methodology has been based, therefore, on the eliciting of responses or reactions to utterances which we present to speakers of Hindi. As Hacker justly notes there are certain pitfalls in this approach. We have become aware of the following: I. Different speakers have different conceptions of the task that is being demanded of them. II. Different speakers have different conceptions of what an 'acceptable', 'less acceptable' or 'unacceptable' sentence is. III. Some speakers, if uncomfortable with the utterance as given, tend to react positively not to it, but to some modification, extension or contraction of it. (The most dangerous here is the respondent who reasons by analogy: "I can say this sentence in the past, the present and the future; therefore, it must be alright to use it in the imperative, too, (although it does sound awfully strange!)" It is good to have respondents who think out loud.) IV. Speakers may react to a given utterance in a meaning different from that intended by the investigator.

The first two dangers can be avoided only by care-

5/ Such as those that are used in the traditional method of semantic analysis: avayavyatireka.

ful explanation to the respondent of what he is to do, what he is to avoid and what criteria he is to use in responding to an utterance ('I use this freely in this meaning' = '+'; 'This is not altogether wrong but I prefer an alternant way of saying it' = 'W(orse)', etc.). The third and fourth dangers can occasionally be turned to advantage. If the investigator suspects that a given alternative is not the preferred means of expressing a given meaning, he can deliberately present it first and see if the respondent spontaneously comes up with the better alternative.⁶ He can ask the respondent to extend or modify the context to make a given form 'sound better'. If a respondent reacts in an unexpected or exceptional way to a given utterance, he can be asked to give an explanation of what the utterance means to him and in what situation it might be used. Often such exceptional reactions turn out to provide corroborative evidence for an analysis that predicts an opposite reaction to an utterance in the meaning intended by the investigator: The interpretation under which it is acceptable to the respondent is in consonance with its deviance in the interpretation given to it by the investigator.⁷

6/ Cf Greenbaum and Quirk's "operation tests": 1970, p 3.

7/ An example of the utility of such an exceptional reaction is the acceptance of sentence o2 in section 4.3.2.1.5 by speaker p in the face of four rejections. This is pursued in section 4.5, ad sentence set al-2.

The most important caution, of course, is against accepting a respondent's explanations at face value. Whatever he may say about the meaning of one form as opposed to another must be verified by indirect means. It is on the design of these means of indirect evidence that the justice of all the statements made in this work depends.

In general, evidence for a given analysis here is a function of the differential reactance of two competing forms to a common modification in their syntactic or semantic environment. That is, if the preferability of one of two alternative forms is canceled or reversed by the addition, subtraction or reversal of some feature of meaning or structure in the utterance, such a change in relative acceptability is deemed to reflect the incompatibility of the given alternant's meaning or potential complementarities (traditionally, apekSaa) with the meaning or apekSaa of the added or modified element. From such incompatibilities, it is possible to deduce or demonstrate the meaning of that alternative, given our knowledge of the meaning of the differentiating element (and provided, of course, that both alternatives do not become unacceptable under the given alteration).

An example:⁸ Two speakers find a normal compound

8/ Taken from section 3.2.2, see sentence set el-4.

verb and a reversed sequence (in a and b, respectively) to be roughly equivalent in a given utterance:

a us ne jhaTke se lagaam khIIc dii +p (Worse: +b)

b us ne jhaTke se lagaam de khIIcii +pb

he jerked back on the reins

In both a and b we have the element jhaTke se 'sharply; with a jerk' which implies a certain vehemence or violence of action. If we replace this element with one of opposite meaning such as aahiste se 'slowly; gently', we find a sharp difference in the speakers' reactions to the two alternant forms:

c us ne aahiste se lagaam khIIc dii +pb

d us ne aahiste se lagaam de khIIcii *pb

he gently pulled back on the reins

From the compatibility of the reversed sequence with an adverb of vehemence and its incompatibility with an adverb expressing gentleness, we may conclude that reversal of a verb sequence itself expresses a greater degree of violence in the performance of the action expressed by the corresponding unreversed sequence.

Thus, the typical schema of indirect evidence contains four utterances across which are permuted two well-defined differences⁹. The reactions of the speakers are typically confined to assent or dissent or to stating a

9/ In sentences abcd these are: I. reversal of sequence: normal order, and II. jhaTke se:aahiste se.

preference. Direct testimony of speakers concerning the difference in meaning between form x and form y, although of enormous aid in the genesis of hypotheses, is never depended on as the support for final analyses.

It will be noticed that there is a great deal of variation in the reactions of speakers and even that there is variation in the degree of variation from utterance to utterance. The correct evaluation of this variation depends to a large degree on what it is that it is intended to demonstrate. The following limiting relations between variation and type of conclusion may be noted: I. If an individual speaker varies in his response to a given item from exposure to exposure, his response (along usually with the item itself) is not used as evidence. II. If it is intended to establish the bare existence of a given form (such as the unusual sequences in section 3.6) the assent of a single speaker is deemed sufficient. III. If it is intended to establish the meaning or other function of a given form (via some restriction on its co-occurrence with other forms), then agreement among at least half the respondents is considered sufficient to qualify as evidence.¹⁰

It will be noted that no individual speaker agrees

^{10/} This arbitrary figure has been chosen only to ensure the reader's interest in the conclusions drawn. Consensus among speakers can of course have no bearing on what might happen to hold for any individual.

to all the functions (or co-occurrence restrictions¹¹) reported here for the simple:compound verb. However, since we are attempting to relate almost all of them to a single basic semantic contrast (as that is mapped into the simple:compound opposition), this is not a matter of crucial importance: Each speaker agrees to enough of these functions and restrictions to make the case for the central thesis on an individual by individual basis.

Occasionally disagreement among speakers on an individual utterance is consistent with their disagreement on some other point. For instance, speaker p's acceptance of 3.5.q3¹² follows from her acceptance of sentence 3.5.o in the second meaning given¹². As such her exceptional reaction helps prove the point being made about "shadows". The variation in the degree of variation may itself become a significant fact from which inferences can be drawn both of a systematic¹³ and a geographical¹⁴ nature.

It is necessary to make a few observations concerning variation and the category "Hindi". Whether or not

11/ The word 'restriction' seems a bit too absolute in its connotations to be operable here. Perhaps 'preference' or 'sensitivity' would be better.

12/ As against two dissenting voices.

13/ See the last paragraph in section 4.3.5.

14/ See the chart in section 3.2.2, ad fn 12, and the remarks in section 3.6.10, fn 1.

the conclusions we reach here apply to all Hindi speakers (and only them), to some subset of them, or to a group of speakers that includes those of Hindi as a subset, is a question with which we are not directly concerned (although it is a very interesting one). The answer would probably depend as much as anything on one's definition of Hindi. The information we give below concerning the linguistic biography of the individual respondents should place them sufficiently to allow them to be excluded or included as speakers of Hindi in accordance with the varying definitions of the term. Accordingly an independent decision may be reached about the congruence of the term "Hindi" with respect to the conclusions reported here for the compound verb.¹⁵ As a practical matter, we have accepted anyone as a speaker of Hindi who claimed to be one and who used the common morphological categories (-y@¹⁶, -t@¹⁷, k@¹⁸, ko, ne) in the accustomed manner.¹⁹

15/ It is my own personal hunch that the functions reported here for the simple:compound verb must be nearly identical in all the Indo-Aryan languages spoken across the breadth of North India, Indus Valley Pakistan and Bangladesh. The area of functional identity may be even larger: cf Masica 1971, pp 188-199.

16/ Defined in terms of its functions in Pray 1970, p 66.

17/ Defined in terms of function in Pray 1970, pp 65-66.

18/ The possessive marker. For @, see Pray 1970, pp 41-3.

19/ As this is defined by Pray 1970 in common with the other grammars of Hindi listed in the Bibliography.

2.1 Linguistic histories of respondents

Major respondents:¹

- b bhaarat mohan kukretii, 22 January 1941. Born and raised in Dehra Dun. Hindi was the first and only language spoken at home (although his parents used Garhwali as a code language). Between 1958 and 1964 lived in Varanasi where he learnt some Bhojpuri. Used to speak some Garhwali, too, on jobs in Musoorie and Dehra Dun. In the West since 1971.
- p pratibhaa kelaa, 1949. Born and raised in Dibai, district Bulandshahar, U. P. Hindi was the first and only language spoken at home. Attended college from 1965 to 1969 in Agra. Lived in Delhi from 1970 to 1972. In the West since 1972.
- g gobind tripaaThii keLkar, 1939. Born and raised in Hamirpur, district Etawah, U. P. A western Awadhi dialect (tum kaa karat hau 'what are you doing?') and Hindi learnt simultaneously as first languages at home. In English medium school in Lucknow from 1953 to 1963. Learnt some Urdu. Taught in both Hindi and English at Delhi from 1963 to 1969. In the West since 1969. Knows Chinese.

¹/ Those who have responded to at least one third of the utterances in the text are considered "major respondents". Speakers b, p and g responded to all of the utterances in the text (except for some in 3.1.1).

d sudhaa khannaa (now Mrs. David Irwin), 1949? Born and raised in Pusa, Bihar. First and only language at home was Hindi. Returned to Panjab in 1959 when she learnt some Panjabi. Lived in various places in Rajasthan and the Panjab until 1972 when she entered the West.

s surendr paal singh, 1946. Born and raised in Saray Jagannath, district Bulandshahar, U. P. Lived in district Etawah from 1952 to 1962. Learnt some Kannaui. In Agra from 1962 to 1964. In Kanpur from 1964 until 1969. In West since 1971?

t subhaaS bhaaTnaagar, 1950? Raised in Delhi. First and only language at home was Hindi. In Agra from 1967 to 1971. In the West since 1971.

Other respondents:

a awinaaS kelaa, 1944. Born in Gwalior, M. P. Lived in Calcutta from 1948-1956. Hindi first and only language at home. Knows Bengali. In the West since 1967.

s aaSaa kumaar, 1950? Born in Lucknow. Knows both Hindi and Panjabi. Has lived with Pahari speakers.

j nuur maalik, 1935? Born and raised in West Panjab, Pakistan. First language, Panjabi; second, Urdu.

v harendar naath waasudew, 1933? Born and raised in the Panjab. First language, Panjabi; second, Urdu.

i SriikriSN siingh, 1945? Born and raised in Mau.
 First language at home was Bhojpuri. From 1950
 attended Hindi medium schools. College in Luck-
 now. -In the West since 1967.

2.2 The categories of speaker response

- + the respondent freely uses the utterance in the
 meaning indicated and/or accepts it in others as
 perfectly good Hindi.
- * the respondent does not find the utterance accep-
 table in the meaning indicated
- ? the respondent is unable to decide whether the ut-
 terance is acceptable or not
- = the respondent finds the utterance equivalent in
 meaning to the other acceptable ones in the set
- B the utterance though unacceptable is better than
 some other in the set
- C the utterance may be used to contradict the pre-
 vious speaker (see section 3.3.2, first paragraph)
- D, ≠ the utterance is not acceptable in the meaning
 indicated but is perfectly good in a different mea-
 ning (Usually this other meaning is indicated.)
- JT instead of meaning 'by then...already', tab tak
 in the given utterance means 'just then'

- K the verb-verb sequence in the utterance occurs only in the meaning of kar (the marker of the conjunct(ive) sequence: see section 3.2.1)
- O the respondent has heard others using the utterance. Even so he does not accept it as fully acceptable for them nor at all for himself.
- OK the utterance is okay. Better than O, worse than +.
- P the utterance, unacceptable to the respondent, seems to him to be typical of speakers of Pahari when they speak in Hindi.
- PJ the utterance, unacceptable to the respondent, seems to him typical of the Hindi of Panjabi-speakers.
- U instead of 'by the time (that)' jab tak in the utterance given means 'up until...(keep on X-ing)'
- V the respondent associates the utterance with village speech. As an urban, educated speaker he avoids using it.
- W though acceptable in the meaning given, the utterance sounds worse than some other in the set.
- WW worse than W (but still acceptable).
- Assuming that a given utterance is to be read in the meaning indicated and in no other, degrees of acceptability may be partially ordered as follows: 1. +; 2. OK, W; 3. WW; 4. O, P, PJ, V; 5. ?; 6. B; 7. *, ≠, D, JT, U, K.

Section Three: Definitions

Definitions of the class of compound verbs under discussion have traditionally depended on a combination of formal and functional criteria. In formal terms a compound verb has consisted of a verb occurring as a bare stem followed by a secondary element that carries the desinence. This second element has been called 'explicator'¹, 'auxiliary'², 'intensive auxiliary'³, 'operator'⁴, etc.⁵ We follow Pray (1970) in calling this element the 'vector' or 'vector verb' since this seems to be the shortest name for it in use. In the example below likh is the 'main verb'; 'diyaa' is the desinential form of de, the 'vector verb'; and 'likh diyaa' is the 'compound verb' or 'vector sequence':

1/ Bahl, Van Olphen.

2/ Barker, Bailey.

3/ Pahwa.

4/ Kachru, Dwarikesh.

5/ See Pořízka (1967) for a review of these terms in English and other languages: pp 66-7.

a 1 mAI ne prezideNT ko xat likh diyaa +ptgb

i wrote a letter to the president

Corresponding to the compound verb of a1 is the 'simple verb' likhaa of b:

b mAI ne prezideNT ko xat nahII likhaa +ptgb

i didn't write a letter to the president

While each compound verb has only one corresponding simple verb there may be more than one compound corresponding to a simple:

a 2 mAI ne prezideNT ko xat likh maaraa +pbSIt PJg ?

3 likh Daalaa +tpbg

3.1 The set of sets of 'vectors'

Regardless of whatever other criteria they may provide, writers on the subject invariably buttress their definition of the category 'vector verb' with a list. There is a great deal of disagreement among these lists. The class of vectors as defined by previous writers ranges from a minimum of eight to a maximum of fifty-one (Vale). Dwarikesh (1971) apparently is even more generous: "In the language of today, it seems that almost all the major verbs can be used as operators (vectors: ph)."¹

In the chart below '+' means that the given writer includes the given item as a vector (or whatever

not possible in Mor
(does not mean
benefactive)

		Bahl 1964	Bahl 1967	Bailey	Barannikov	Barker	Davidova	Dymšic	Guru	Hacker 1958	Kachru 1965	Kachru 1966	Kellogg	Masica (mimeo)	McGregor	Pahwa	Pořizka 1963	Pray 1970	Rocher	Sharma	Southworth	Vajpeyi	Van Olphen	Vale	
21	<u>pahUc</u>	x									+	+		+		+	+					+		+	<u>pahUc</u>
22	<u>paa</u>	+	+				+		x	x	+			x	+	+	+	x	x	+	x	+	x	x	<u>paa</u>
23	<u>baiTh</u>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	<u>baiTh</u>
24	<u>mAgaa</u>											+													<u>mAgaa</u>
25	<u>mar</u>	x																		+		+	+	+	<u>mar</u>
26	<u>maar</u>	x									+	+		+		+				+		+		+	<u>maar</u>
27	<u>mil</u>	x																		+				+	<u>mil</u>
28	<u>rakh</u>	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	x	+			+	+	+	+	x	+	+		+	+	+	<u>rakh</u>
29	<u>rakh de</u>																						+		<u>rakh de</u>
30	<u>rah</u>	+	+	+	+		+	+	x	+	+	+	+		+		x		x	+		+	+	+	<u>rah</u>
31	<u>laa</u>																							+	<u>laa</u>
32	<u>le</u>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	<u>le</u>
33	<u>le aa</u>	+																							<u>le aa</u>
34	<u>le jaa</u>	+																							<u>le jaa</u>
35	<u>sak</u>	+	+	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	+	x	x	+	x	x	x	x	<u>sak</u>
totals:		18	16	10	11	8	12	12	11	8	21	15	11	12	13	12	18	10	9	18	8	12	17	--	totals
		Bahl 1964	Bahl 1967	Bailey	Barannikov	Barker	Davidova	Dymšic	Guru	Hacker 1958	Kachru 1965	Kachru 1966	Kellogg	Masica (mimeo)	McGregor	Pahwa	Pořizka 1963	Pray 1970	Rocher	Sharma	Southworth	Vajpeyi	Van Olphen	Vale	

Why?
No total
see p41
(Vale 51)

3.1.1 Examples of the use of 'vectors'

Not every writer has given instances of the use of the vector verbs he lists. Vale and Kachru, the two most generous in assigning items to this class, unfortunately provide no examples for most of these. Below we present such examples to the extent we have been able to track them down in works of Hindi prose or elicit them from informants. We include such examples for any item classed by any writer as a vector verb without regard to our own final conclusions as to what the list of vector verbs should or should not include.

Each vector is listed together with its meaning as a main verb, the authors who assign it to that class, and a list of main verbs with which it may co-occur if these number five or less. Uses with intransitive main verbs are given under 'a'; with transitive main verbs, under 'b'. Parentheses enclose references to prose works.

aa 'come'; listed by everyone except Pahwa and Vajpeyi

a khiRkii ke baahar sAAjh utar aane par jhOpRii
mE raat ghir aatii hai (act 2) +St *g
after evening descends outside the window it
rushes into the hut

a 2 tabhii mujhe us kii kahii xuun karne kii baat
yaad ho aaii (act 9) +Sg *t

then i remembered what he had said about committing murder

b Guru (VS 2022) indicates that aa may follow
kah 'say' and bol 'speak' in the meaning of
 vector uTh: p 318. His example is archaic.

uTh 'get up, rise'; listed by everyone.

a 1 us par ek cintaa maNDraatii rahtii. kabhii kabhii wo bhay se kAAp uThtii aur pachtaatii +Stg
 an anxious thought hovered over her. occasionally she would start trembling with fear and would regret (everything) (pcr 65)

2 mAII ne yah kahaa aur yah sun kar wo jal uThii:
 "mujhe tum se koi waastaa nahII hai" +gjSbt
 i told her this and on hearing it she flared up in anger: "to hell with you"

b kahte kahte ekaaek aTak kar ruk paRII aur ba-dhii nigaah se mujhe dekh uThII +Stg
 in the midst of her words she suddenly stopped talking and steadily gazed at me (kb67 424)

uR 'fly'; Vale (p 74; with cal and le)

a dauRte ghoRO kii TaapO ke nice se dhuul cal
uRii +jbg *St

the dust began to fly up from beneath the
hooves of the galloping horses

b 1 baaz bayaa ko apne panje mE dabaa kar le uRaa
+gjbSt

seizing the weaver bird in his talons the
hawk flew off with him

b 2 hawaa ke jhOke se aag le uRii +g *bjSt
the fire blazed up with the gust of wind

khaRe@ ho 'stand up'; Davidova 1958, Jelovkov 1963, Pray
1970; see section 3.6.1 below.

a ek aadmii ko apnii taraf aataa huuaa dekh kar
sab giidaR bhaag khaRe hue (kk2 1) +jSt
catching sight of a man coming in their direc-
tion all the jackals fled away

khap 'be expended, get used up'; Vale (p 75; with
aa, jaa and maar).

a mohan kaary-kuSal nahII thaa par naukrii mE
aa khapaa +bjt *S

mohan was not very competent at his job but he
was absorbed (by the company)

khaa 'eat'; Kachru 1965, Vale (p 75; with maar);
with maar, kaaT.

b is saude mE us ne sau rupye maar khaae +bjg *St
he came out a hundred rupees ahead on this deal
(by foul means) (mhk 4.346)

gir 'fall'; Vale (p 76; with aa, jaa); with jaa.

- a mAI ne apne dhanuS se tiir calaayaa tab wo ek
miil par jaa giraa +gbjSt
when i shot the arrow from my bow it carried for
a mile

giraa 'knock down; drop'; Kachru 1965; excluded by Bahl
1964; with de, maar.

- b SAAR aa dauRaa aur sIIg maar ke diiwaal de gi-
raaii +bj *St
the bull charged up and knocked the wall down
with his horns

guzar 'pass by'; Vale (p 76; with ho, kar); excluded
by Bahl 1964; with ho, kar.

- a aaTh aaTh henrii ho guzre hAI (pcr 26) +bjSt
there have been in all eight henries (among eng-
lish kings)
- b hAA, tum apnii zindagii mE bahut kuch kar guzroge
+bSjt
yes, you shall certainly do great things in your
life

gher 'surround'; Vale (p 76; with aa, jaa); excluded
by Bahl 1964; with aa.

- a us ne naukar ko piiTaa to karii kisaanO ne use
aa gheraa +gbjSt
when he beat his servant a number of peasants

came and surrounded him

ghus 'get in, enter'; Vale (p 76; with aa, jaa); excluded by Bahl 1964; with jaa.

a us ne ek caaquu phEk kar maaraa to wo raam ke peT
mE jaa ghusaa +gbjSt

he threw a knife and it sank into ram's stomach

cal 'walk; go'; see section 3.1; excluded by Hacker 1958.

a 1 padmaa ko garbh thaa. wo sthuul bhii ho calii thii
(pcr 63) +jtg ?S

padma was pregnant. she was also getting big

2 wo mere piiche muft mE lag calaa hai +jbg *S
he's out to get me for no reason at all

b wo apnii biiwii ko bhii maar calaa hai +gjb DtS
he's taken to beating his wife as well

cuk 'run out, be used up; be paid off'; see sections 3.1 and 3.2.6.

a 1 mAI dopahr ko khaanaa khaa kar lauTaa, to dekhaa
us kaa saamaan bAdh cukaa hai (act 72) +Stg
on returning from lunch i saw that his bags were
already done up

2 aajkal din jaldii ho cukte hAI (as) +j *Sbtg
days are coming to an end earlier now

b 1 aur kyaa? baabuu jii aur sureS khaa cuke hOge
(pcr 48) +Stg

indeed! babuji and suresh must've already eaten

b 2 hAA, aap ek haath se yah moTar uThaa cuke +jSbtg
i'll say you'll lift this car with one hand!

choR 'leave behind; let go of'; see sections 3.1 and
3.6.2.

b us ne apne pati ko Saraabii banaa choRaa thaa
+gjbStip

she made a drunkard out of her husband

jaa 'go'; listed by everyone.

a 1 kaaluu ko aate hue dekh kar papii cup ho gayaa
(Sej 2.13) +Stg

seeing kalu coming puppy fell silent

a 2 niilgiri, madraas, mahaabalipur, maalaabaar, traas-
wankor - sab piiche chuuT jaaEge! (Sej 2.9) +Stg
N., M., M., M., T. - all would be left behind!

b hoTal mE baiTh kar sirf saath dene ke lie do pleT
biryaanii khaa gayaa (act 65) +Stg

sitting down with me in the restaurant "just to
keep you company", he proceeded to eat up two
plates of biryani

jhapaT 'pounce'; Vale (p 85; with aa, jaa); with aa, le.

a cuuhaa parnaale se baahar niklaa ki billii us par
aa jhapTii +jSbt

the cat snatched the mouse just as it came out of
the drain

b baaz bayaa ko le jhapTaa +bjg *St

the hawk snatched the weaver bird

Tapak 'drip'; see section 3.1; with aa, pahUc.

a aaj mujhe itnaa kaam hai aur uupar se ye mahmaan

aa Tapke +ptg

today i had so much to do as it was and on top

of that these guests barged in on us

TuuT 'break'; Vale (p 86; with aa, jaa); with aa.

a Satru hamaarii fauj par aa TuuTaa +gjSbt

the enemy fell upon our forces

Thahr 'stop'; Vale (p 86; with aa, jaa); excluded by

Bahl 1964; with aa.

a mAI soctaa thaa ki tum kailiforniyaa jaaoge, ya-

hAA kaise aa Thahre +gjbt DS

i thought you'd go to california, how is it that

you've turned up here?

DaT 'stand firm'; Vale (p 86; with aa, jaa); exclu-

ded by Bahl 1964; with aa, jaa.

a 1 guru jii hamaare ghar aa DaTe +gjbtSt

the guru has established himself at our place

a 2 hostal mE juute pahne mez par jaa DaTte the +jStg

in the hostel we would sit right down to table

with our shoes on (pcr 72)

Daal 'throw'; listed by everyone except Vajpeyi.

b 1 do tiin warSO mE mAI ne saikRO hii upanyaas

paRh Daale hOge +jStg

in two or three years i must have read hundreds of novels

2 maalkin mujhe maar hii Daalegii (pcr 5) +Stg

the mistress would be certain to kill me

Duub 'sink'; Vale (p 87; with jaa, le); excluded by Bahl 1964; with le.

b aaj kii duniyaa ko koi ciz agar le Duubegii, to

wo yahii hai (act 22) +Stg

if anything proves the ruination of the world, it will be this

de 'give'; listed by everyone, see section 3.6.4.

a nahII jaantaa ki bambaii pahUcte hii sahsaa man wahAA se cal dene ko kyO hone lagaa (act 15) +Stg
i don't know why i felt like leaving bombay as soon as i got there

b in ke ghar se kaii taar aa cuke the; magar mAI ne inkaarII jawaab dilwaa diye (pcr 71) +Stg

a number of telegrams had already come from his house but i had him sent negative replies

dikhaa 'show'; Vale; excluded by Bahl 1964.

a 'wo ciin jaanaa caahtaa thaa aur us ne jaa dikhaa-
yaa +gj ?St *b

he wanted to go to china and showed everyone he

could by going

- b tum yah kahte the aur tum ne yah kar dikhaayaa
+gjSbt

you said you could do it and you proved it

dekh 'see, look'; Vale (p 90; with kar), Kachru 1965;
with kar.

- b us ne yah kaary kar dekhaa thaa +jbtg *S
he had tried doing this

dauR 'run'; Kellogg, Vale (p 90; with aa, jaa, caRh);
excluded by Bahl 1964; with caRh, jaa, bhiR,
bhaag, le.

- a sAAR gaayO kii jhuND mE bhiR dauRaa +j *bStg
the bull charged into the flock of cows

- b yah un kaa zikr aap kahAA se le dauRII +t *bSg
what ever possessed you to bring him up
(kb64 appendix II 25)

dhamak 'thump'; Kachru 1965, 1966, Vale (p 91; with aa,
jaa); excluded by Bahl 1964, Van Olphen 1970;
with aa, jaa.

- a merii cacerii bahn aa dhamkii, mAI kyaa kartii?
+jSbtg
what could i do? my cousin had to decide to turn
up at our place

dhar 'hold; put; throw'; Vale (p 91; with kar), Van
Olphen 1970; see section 3.6.5.

b 1 tum ne yah kyaa kar dharaa hai? +jtbS Vg
what have you gone and done here?

2 pahlwaan ne use pakaR dharaa +jt Vg *bS
the wrestler got a hold on him

dhaa 'run'; Kellogg, Vale (p 91; with caRh); with
caRh.

a hamlaa karne ke liye us kii fauj caRh dhaaii
+gjbt *S
his army rushed to attack

nikal 'come out; go out; turn out'; see sections 3.1
and 3.6.6.

a 1 daivyog usii waqt munSii riyasat alii aa nikle
(pcr 75) +Stg
at that moment by coincidence the clerk of the
estate riyasat ali came out

2 sainik...magadh saamraajy kaa jay-jay-kaar kar-
te hue aage baRh nikle (kb67 432) +btg *S
shouting the war cries of the magadhan empire
the soldiers rushed forward

nikaal 'take out'; Kachru 1965, 1966; see section 3.6.7.

b 1 ek kSaN ke baad bhuukh ne ek duusrii yuktii
soc nikaalii (pcr 48) +Stg
in an instant hunger suggested another way out
2 us ne apne beTe ko ghar se baahar kar nikaalaa
+jbt *Sg he threw his son out

pakaR 'catch'; Vale (p 91; with aa, jaa, dhar); with aa, dhar.

a pulis ne cor ko aa pakRaa +Sjbtg
the police nabbed the crook

b unhO ne use dhar pakRaa +gjSbt
they caught hold of him

paTak 'dash, throw down'; Vale (p 91; with de); excluded by Bahl 1964; with jaa, de, laa.

a ek deSii baalaa ne apne haath kii sabhii puSp
maalaaO...ko us rasik vridhdh ke saamne jaa paTkaa
(kb64 appendix II 25) +Stg
a country girl took all the garlands in her hand
and flung them down in front of the romantic old
man

b jhallaaii huii ghar mE aaii aur us kii taswiir
uThaa kar zamiin par de paTkii aur pairO se ku-
cal Daalii +bjtg *S
boiling with rage she went into the house and
taking his picture dashed it to the floor and
ground it under her feet

paR 'fall'; listed by everyone.

a 1 natiijaa sunaayaa gayaa to wo ro paRe aur mAI
bhii rone lagaa (pcr 28) +Stg
when the results were announced he began to cry
and so did i

a 2 taswiir mE itnii zindagii thii jaise wo abhii
 abhii bol paRegii (Davidova 1958 229) +Stg
 there was so much life in her portrait that it
 seemed it would start speaking any minute
pahUc 'arrive'; Kachru 1965, 1966, McGregor 1972, Vale
 (p 93; with aa, jaa, le); excluded by Bahl 1964;
 with aa, jaa.

a yaatraa ke harS mE ham Saam ko hii sTeSan jaa
pahUce (pcr 70) +Stg
 in our joyous excitement over making a journey we
 arrived at the station in the evening (early)
paa 'find; get'; see sections 3.1 and 3.2.6.

a 1 roz mAI sau pacaas muurtiyAAbec letaa hUU par
 aaj puure din mE ek bhii nahII bik paaii +Stg
 every day i sell from fifty to a hundred images
 but today not one has sold all day (act 34)

a 2 naii roSnii abhii kewal pahaar kii coTii tak pa-
hUc paaii thii (pcr 73) +Stg
 the 'new dawn' had as yet only reached the
 mountain top

b 1 mere haathO mE ek pustak thii jise mAI bahut der
 se khole thaa magar paRh nahII paa rahaa thaa
 (act 11) +Stg
 in my hands was a book which i had kept open for
 quite some time but which i was unable to read

b 2 kyaa...kuch thoRe se hii kisaan aise hAI jo is
 star kaa jiiwan bitaa paate hAI (act 31) +Stg
 are there only some few peasants who are able to
 live on this level

phAs 'get caught, become trapped'; Vale (p 94; with
aa, jaa); excluded by Bahl 1964; with aa.

a hiraN Sikaarii ke cangul mE aa phAsaa +bjStgp
 the stag fell into the clutches of the hunter

phir 'turn; wander, stroll'; Vale (p 94; with cal);
 with cal.

a wo roz Saam ko wahAA jaataa hai aur aadhii katha
 sun kar cal phirtaa hai +gj *Sbt
 he goes there every day in the evening and after
 listening to half the story he gets up and leaves

phEk 'throw'; Vale; excluded by Hacker 1958; with
ukhaaR, de.

b 1 sarkaar kii Saktii ke cinh...ukhaaR phEkne, toR
 Daalne aur bhasm kar dene ke liye bhiiR aatur ho
 gaii (kk2 10) +tgP
 the crowd had become eager to rip out, throw down
 and smash the symbols of the government's power
 and burn them to ashes

2 us ne apne gale se do laR kii maalaa toR jhiil mE
de phEkii +jbp *Stg

ripping the double stranded necklace from her
throat she threw it into the lake

ban 'be made, be done'; Vale (p 95; with aa, caRh);
excluded by Bahl 1964; with aa, caRh.

a 1 apnaa kaam nahII kiyaa is liye us par aa banii
+bStg

he did not do his work; that's why he got into
trouble

2 mantrii ho jaane par to ab un kii aur bhii
caRh banii hai +bt Og *S

he's really on top of the world now that he's
become a minister

bas 'settle down; inhabit'; Vale (p 95; with aa, jaa,
cal); excluded by Bahl 1964; with jaa, cal.

a 1 ham log usii gaDDhe mE jaa base (kb64 appendix
II 25) +btgp

we went and settled in that hole

2 pichle saal hamaare daadaa cal base the +Stg
last year our grandfather passed away

baahar kar 'put out, turn out'; Jelovkov 1963; with ni-
kaal, bhagaa, haTaa.

b us ne apne beTe ko ghar se nikaal baahar kiyaa
+bStgp

he turned his son out of the house

biit 'pass, go by, elapse'; classed as vector by mhk,

vol IV; with le.

- b un kii yah caalaakii hii unhE le biitegii
(mhk 4.593) +Sbt *g
this bit of cleverness will be his undoing

baiTh 'sit down'; listed by everyone.

- a 1 aap apne jawaab se xud Daakuu ban baiThe +Sbtg
by your answer you have yourself become a bandit (kb64 429)

- 2 Taamii baar baar uchal kar us kii god mE aa
baiThne kii asaphal ceSTaa kartaa (pcr 44) +Stg
leaping up again and again tommy made unsuccessful attempts to sit in his lap

- b 1 mAI Dar rahaa thaa ki kahII tum Gusse mE aa kar
maar na baiTho (pcr 16) +Stg
i was afraid you might get angry and hit him

- 2 yah chajjaa saaraa makaan le baiThegaa +Sbt Dg
this balcony will collapse and pull the whole house down with it (mhk 4.593)
(this balcony will take up the whole house: +g)

bhaag 'run, flee'; Vale (p 96; with nikal, le); excluded by Bahl 1964 and Hacker 1958.

- a haath baahar nikaal liyaa aur usii waqt ek kaalaa sAAp parnaale se nikal bhaagaa +bStg
he took his hand out just as a black snake shot out of the drain

b ghoRaa dhar bhaagaa (Van Olphen 1970 171) +ptg
 the horse ran off (when he got his chance: +t)
bhiR 'collide; attack'; Vale (p 96; with aa, jaa, cal,
 dauR); with aa, cal.

a tumhE kuch kaam nahII thaa jo mujh se aa bhiRe
 +gSbt
 you had nothing better to do than come here and
 pick a fight
bhej 'send'; Vale (p 96; with kahlaa, bulaa, mAgaa and
 likh); excluded by Bahl 1964; with kahlaa, bulaa,
 mAgaa and likh.

b 1 apnii kuSal likh bhejnaa +Stg
 write to let us know how you are
 2 us ne duukaan se apnaa suuT mAgaa bhejaa thaa +bSg
 he sent to the store for his suit
mAgaa 'order'; Kachru 1965; with bhej.
 us ne duukaan se apnaa suuT bhej mAgaaayaa thaa +b
 *Stg he sent to the store for his suit
mar 'die'; see sections 3.1 and 3.6.8.

a 1 aise samay na jaane kahAA se wo aa maraa +bStg
 god knows why he had to pick a time like that to
 show up (Vajpeyi 490)
 2 apne haq ke liye wahII laR marnaa caahiye thaa
 +Stg they should have struggled to the utmost
 for their rights right there

3 buuRhii gaay cal marii +t *bSg
the old cow died

b 1 tum apnaa yah gandaa kaam yahAA kyO kar mare +bt
Og *S
why the hell did you have to do your dirty work
here

2 wo apnii harkatO se use le maraa +btg *S
she has had to suffer the consequences of his
wicked acts as well as he

maar 'strike'; see sections 3.1 and 3.6.9.

b 1 mAI ne baahar aa kar saaraa kamraa chaan maaraa
(pcr 86) +Stg coming out i went through the
whole room with a fine-toothed comb

2 puure zor se khAIc kar baap ke sir par kulhaarII
de maarii (rlup 35) +Stgp
drawing back he brought the ax down with all his
strength upon his father's head

3 aaj to tum ne naukar ko din bhar dauRaa maaraa
(mhk 4.346) +bStg
you've been running your servant ragged all day

miT 'be obliterated'; Vale (p 97; with mar); excluded
by Bahl 1964; with mar, jal.

a kaam karte karte ham mar miTe par natiijaa kuch
na huaa +bStg we killed ourselves working on it
with nothing to show for our efforts

mil 'meet; be available'; Sharma 1958, Vale (p 97; with aa, jaa); excluded by Bahl 1964; with aa, jaa, and likh(?)

a wo Satru se jaa milaa (kb64 319) +bStg
he went over to the enemy

b mujhe patr nahII likh milegaa (Sharma 1958 90) *tgp
i shall not be able to write the letter

rakh 'put, place'; see sections 3.1 and 3.6.10.

a 1 aaj subah us kii gaarII mE kuch gaRbaR ho rakhii
hai +b PJg *t
something has gone wrong with his car this morning

2 foTo mE dekho merii AakhE kaisii aa rakhII +b *pg
look how my eyes have come out in the photo

b tum ne...apnii murGiyAA paal rakhii hAI aur kut-
taa rakh rakhaa hai (act 31) +tgp

rakh de 'put, place'; Van Olphen 1970; see section 3.6.11.

b prasaad ne paristhiti ko itne spaST belaag SabdO
mE khol kar rakh diyaa thaa ki kuch kahne kii
jagah na miltii thii (pcr 60) +tgp
prasad had presented the situation in such a
clear and candid manner that there was nothing
to be said

rah 'stay, remain'; see sections 3.1 and 3.6.12.

a 1 aur yah kahte hue motii...apne bandhuu ke paas
aa kar so rahaa (pcr 13) +gp Ot

and saying this moti...coming near to his friend
went to sleep

a 2 paisO kii cintaa na karo, phir mil rahEge

(kb67 234) +v PJg *t

don't worry about money, we'll share expenses

lag 'touch; stick'; Vale (p 101; with aa, jaa, cuum,
lag); excluded by Bahl 1964; with aa.

a jahaaz kinaare par aa lagaa hai +bSptg

the ship has touched shore

laa 'bring'; Vale (p 102); excluded by Hacker 1958.

b 1 wo apnii AakhO mE AAsuu bhar laayaa +btg

he brought tears to his eyes (on purpose)

2 hamE saamne aate hue dekhte hue bhii ghoRaa ha-
maare upar caRhaa laayaa +batgp

even though he could see us coming he brought
his horse right on top of us

lipaT 'cling'; Vale (p 102, with aa, jaa); with aa.

a mujh se milii aur gale se aa lipTii +gbStp

she met me and rushed into my arms

le 'take'; listed by everyone.

a 1 aaj Saam daawat par jaanaa hai is liye dopahr mE

kuch der tak mAI ne so liyaa hai +vg PJtp

(acceptable as:...mAI so liyaa hUU +tp *g)

we have to go to a party this evening so for this
reason i slept for awhile this afternoon

- a 2 Dii pii se mil kar mujhe lagaa ki mAI ne bam-
 baii ke sab logO se ek saath mil liyaa hai +g PJtp
 after meeting d. p. i felt as if i had met every-
 one in bombay at once (act 16)
- 3 jab mAI khaanaa khaane niklaa to wo bhii ghuumne
 ke iraaade se saath ho liyaa (act 65) +tg
 when i went out to eat he tagged along with the
 intention of taking a stroll
- 4 hamaarii fauj ne duSman kii fauj ko jaa liyaa
 (cu 2.236) ?p *tg
 our forces overtook those of the enemy
- b 1 us ne piknik kaa saamaan taiyaar kar liyaa thaa
 (act 36) +tg
 he had gotten the things for a picnic ready
- 2 Saardaa ne jhaTak kar apne haath chuRaa liye +tg
 sharda jerked her hands free (Sej 1.239)
- 3 to sone se pahle mujhe aawaaz de liijiegeaa +tp *g
 then do give me a call before you retire (act 66)
- le aa 'bring'; classed as a vector by Bahl 1964. The
 examples he gives, however, all have verb sequen-
 ces in which not le aa but laa is the second ele-
 ment: appendix I, pp 7-8, sentences 140-8.
- le jaa 'take, take away'; Bahl 1964; see section 3.6.13.
- b wo apne rol ko acchii tarah sAbhaal le gaii +ptg
 she carried off her role well

sak 'can, be able'; see sections 3.1 and 3.2.6.

- a yah gubbaaraa pAAc hazaar fuuT tak uR saktaa
hai +tgP

this balloon can ascend up to five thousand feet

- b mAI subah se na kapRe badal sakaa hUU aur na
khaanaa khaa paayaa hUU (act 34) +tgP

i have neither been able to change my clothes nor
have anything to eat since morning

sunaa 'tell, relate'; Vale (p 105; with kah); excluded
by Bahl 1964 and Hacker 1958; with kah.

- b yah kissaa sab logO ko kah sunaayaa gayaa thaa
+btg this story was related to everyone

As must be evident from this list R. N. Vale proposes membership in the class of vectors for more items than anyone else: in all some fifty-one¹ items out of which twenty-eight are items mentioned by no other writer on the subject. This is only partly the result of greater diligence on Vale's part. Vale, who is concerned with all types of 'verbal composition', sub-classifies his 'auxiliaries' according to a rather complex scheme which he nowhere attempts to explain or justify. As a

1/ This does not include a further eight items which Vale lists but for which we were unable to find or elicit any examples: (mar) jii, (jal) pak, (mar) pac, (as well as (pac) mar), roe piiT, (ghus) paiTh, (haT) baRh, (jal) bujh and (pac) haar. Vale lists each of these as occurring with only one main verb (the items in parentheses). They appear all to be idiomatic vector sequences: see below, section 3.5.

result a great many items with many varied functions find a place in his list under such categories as 'Intensive', 'Adverbative', 'Completive', 'Intensive Adverbative', 'Completive Adverbative', 'Intensive Syntactic', 'Intensive Completive', 'Syntactic Adverbative' and so on. Unfortunately none of these categories seems to correspond with the various classes of syntactically derived (as opposed to 'basic' or kernel) verb sequences that are distinguishable by means of the transformational relations discussed below². When one considers Vale also includes sequences like aa rahaa hai 'is coming', aataa rahtaa hai 'keeps coming' and aane lagtaa hai 'begins coming' it is clear he is only cataloguing.

Although all sixty-three items on the list in the preceding section are able to participate in verbal sequences which may be seen as having congruent structures³, it is obvious, if only from the extreme disagreement among writers concerning their status, that they are not all to be considered vector verbs. While it is possible that the category 'vector verb' (or its equivalents) as set

2/ Sections 3.2.1 through 3.2.5. For a discussion and criticism of Vale's terminology see V. Pořizka, 'Notes on R. N. Vale's theory of verbal composition in Hindi, Bengali, Gujarati and Marathi', Archiv Orientalni, 22: 114, 1954.

3/ With the exception of rakh de-sequences. See discussion below, section 3.2.1, sentence set aq.

up by grammarians of Hindi is in every case completely arbitrary and ad hoc; it is to be noted that there are some six items which everyone groups together (eight if we ignore Pahwa and Vajpeyi): aa, uTh, jaa, Daal, de, paR, baiTh and le. This suggests that there may exist semantic and syntactic criteria that will enable us to set up a well-defined class of vector verbs and vector sequences:

3.2 Homotactic sequences

In language we often find individual morphemes Homomorph to which a variety of functions accrue. The homomorphism of the plural marker and the genitive marker in English nouns and the third person singular of the unmarked present in English verbs is well-known. Similarly homotaxy, the convergence of a variety of syntactic processes in a single arrangement of form-classes, is widely observed. Perhaps the most famous example in recent linguistics is the homotaxy noticed by Chomsky of:

a john is eager to please

b john is easy to please

which are both analyzable as sequences of noun + copula + predicate adjective + infinitive. Yet john in sentence a functions as an agent and in sentence b as an object.

The presence of homotactic verb-verb sequences in Hindi is largely responsible for the confusion and disagreement in the determination of the category 'vector verb'. In the following six sub-sections we shall briefly examine these homotaxies in order to bring greater clarity to the concept we wish to establish of 'compound verb'.

3.2.1 Homotactic sequences: conjoined main verbs

Bahl 1964 has formulated two transformations which account for a great number of the items in the list in section 3.1.1. Adopting his formulations, we shall call the first of them 'Rule 17' or 'kar-Deletion' and the second, 'Rule 18' or 'Reversal'¹. Rule 17 relates sentences such as a1 and b1 to a2 and b2, respectively:

a 1 mAI phir lauT kar apne palang par aa kar leT

gayaa +gipth

returning i lay down on my bed

2 mAI phir lauT kar apne palang par aa leTaa =gipth

b 1 bhaaluu peRO par caRh kar Sahd toR kar khaa le-

taa hai +jptgb

the bear climbs trees and ripping open (the hives)

¹/ Rule 17 is Bahl's PSTop17 "Deletion of Explicators": pp 317-8. Rule 18 is his PSTop18 "Reordering of v_{in} -(aa, jaa, nikal)-Strings": pp 319-20.

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eats the honey (kb64 15)

- 2 bhaaluu peRO par caRh kar Sahd toR khaataa hai
 =jptgb

Although he does not say so in so many words Bahl's intention would seem to be that a1 and b1 are in turn relatable to a0 and b0 by his rule of 'Non-Finite Conjunction':²

- a 0 mAI phir lauT kar aayaa aur apne palang par leT
 gayaa =giptb

i returned and lay down on my bed

- b 0 bhaaluu peRO par caRh kar Sahd toRtaa hai aur
 khaa leta hai =jptgb

climbing trees the bear rips out the honey (from
 the hives) and eats it

The conclusion that each of the two verb forms in strings such as aa leTaa and toR khaataa hai derives from the verb phrase of what on a more remote level of derivation are

separate sentences and that as such neither one of the forms is to be considered a vector verb is I think incapable. In spite of Bahl's statement to the contrary,³

2/ 'Rule GT 4', pp 281-9. The second equivalence does not necessarily follow from the first. There are sentences x1 equivalent to x2 but not to x0. See 3.4.2, sentence set a, and sections 3.6.3 and 3.6.11.

3/ 'The MSH (modern standard Hindi) grammars have very little to say about verb strings of this type except the works of Sharma, Miss Keskar (now Yamuna Kachru - PH) and Hacker.' Bahl 1964, p 15.

this is the single observation most frequently made by grammarians on the distinction to be drawn between vector sequences and formally identical concatenations of main verbs.⁴

However, according to informants many occurrences of sequences of the type in a2 are semantically diver-

4/ The following among those whose work we have been able to examine have made a discrimination of true vector sequences from formally identical strings derivable from conjoined sentences of type a0: Bailey, p 73, p 77; Barannikov and Barannikov 1956, p 128, p 133; Davidova, p 225; Guru, p 318; Hacker 1958, p 78 footnote; Hacker 1961, p 503; Jelovkov, p 92; Kachru 1965, p 43; Kellogg, p 261-3; Masica (mimeo), p 20; Pořízka 1968, p 249; Pray 1970, pp 144-146; Vajpeyi, p 478; Van Olphen, p 154. Of all of these Vajpeyi has made the distinction in the most amusing way, drawing a parallel between conjoined main verbs and the co-equal relations of Russia and China; whereas the relation between the elements in a true vector sequence is like the one-time colonial relation of England to India. The grammarians not making the distinction are in the minority: Harley, Rocher, Scholberg, Dymšic. Vale's discussion of the Prakrit sequence weDhiuuna mukkaa on p 267 implies such a discrimination. Dwarikesh denies the existence of conjunctive sequences of type a2: "The occurrence of K (=kar, ke, kar ke - PH) is obligatory when a CPP (=conjunctive participial phrase - PH) is immediately followed by...a simple verb." p 113. By "simple verb" Dwarikesh (personal communication) means any tense form that does not require the paraphrastic element h- (hai, thaa, hogaa, etc.). That the application of kar-Deletion should depend on such an arbitrary formal feature of tense appears most unlikely. In any event Dwarikesh denies the bisemy of sequences like wo khaa gayaa: I. 'he ate and went' and, II. 'he ate up (something)': pp 268-9, but evidently accepts it for wo khaa gayaa hai, wo khaa jaataa hai, etc.

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gent from those corresponding of type a1 with kar unde-
leted. The former often connote a suddenness, hurried-
ness or unexpectedness in the action that the latter do
not. Simple suddenness or unexpectedness is exemplified
in c2:

c 2 hamaarii fauj Satru par jaa TuuTii +gbSt ?i Wpa
our army fell upon the enemy

This suddenness is not connoted by the corresponding sen-
tence as this is defined by the rule of kar-Deletion (or
its inverse, the rule of kar-Insertion, see section 3.4.2
below):

c 1 hamaarii fauj Satru par jaa kar TuuT paRii
+giSpat *b

There are some speakers for whom the potential
incongruity of the extra connotation of suddenness in
sentences like c2 will block or at least render the ap-
plication of kar-Deletion less acceptable (this becomes
progressively more apparent in sentence sets d, e and f):

d us ne raam par caakuu phEk kar maaraa to wo us

1 ke peT mE jaa kar ghus gayaa Wipt ?g *b

2 jaa ghusaa +gibpt

he threw the knife and it sank into ram's stomach

e jab se us kii Saadii ho gaii hai tab se wo Saam ko

1 ghar mE jaa kar ghus jaataa hai +gi Wbpt

2 jaa ghustaa hai +bpt Wgi

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without
'kar'

→ with 'kar'
आपने कर

ever since he got married you can't pry him out
of his house in the evenings

f us ne xuub mahnat kii thii aur bahut hii thakaa
huuaa ghar pahUc kar aahiste se apne palang par

1 jaa kar leT gayaa +jibptg

2 jaa leTaa +g Wibp *jt

he had worked very hard and arriving home very
tired he went and slowly lay down on his bed

Replacing the aahiste se 'slowly' of f with an adverbial
phrase like dham se 'with a flop' which connotes sudden-
ness reverses the preferences of many speakers:

g us ne xuub mahnat kii thii aur bahut hii thakaa
huuaa ghar pahUc kar dham se apne palang par

1 jaa kar leT gayaa Wptgb

2 jaa leTaa +ptgb

...he went and flopped down on his bed

Although there are constraints on the application
of kar-Deletion which deserve further investigation,⁵
they have no direct bearing on the question of defining

5/ For instance, why should it be the case that so many
conjunct sequences contain a verb of motion as either
the anterior or posterior member? (See section 3.2.3.
fn 1 for an explanation of why verbs of motion occur
as posterior members.) Both Pray (mimeo), p 5, and
Dwarikesh 1971, pp 65-87, attempt to classify conjunct
sequences in terms of the types of verbs that may ap-
pear in either the anterior or posterior slot. An ac-
count of the syntactic and semantic bases for such co-
occurrence restrictions has as yet not been attempted.
Pray (mimeo) also gives a semantic differentiation of
sequences of type cdefgl as opposed to cdefg2: pp 3-4.

the set of vector verbs. The rule of kar-Deletion as it stands however allows us to account for a substantial number of the items in the list of section 3.1.1 as in actuality main verbs permuted into the vector position by transformation. These we list below accompanying them with pairs of utterances with kar deleted and undeleted. It should be borne in mind that the use of the symbol '=' does not rule out the presence of the connotational difference discussed in the preceding paragraph.

uR baaz bayaa ko apne panje mE dabaa kar

- 1 2 le uRaa +Sptgb le kar uR gayaa =pSt Dg⁶ *b
 seizing the weaver bird in his talons the hawk
 flew off with him

khap mohan kaary-kuSal nahII thaa parantu naukrii mE

- 1 2 aa khapaa +bg Wp aa kar khap gayaa =bgp
 mohan was not very competent at his job but he/
 got by//was absorbed by the company anyway/

gir mAI ne apne dhanuS se tiir calaayaa tab wo ek miil

- 1 par jaa giraa +gptb
 2 jaa kar gir gayaa =gptb Wptb
 i shot an arrow from my bow and it did not come
 down for a mile

6/ g finds that uR-1 could be used while the hawk is still in sight while uR-2 implies that he has flown away.

guzar aaTh aaTh henrii ho guzre hAI +gptb

2 ho kar guzar gae hAI =gptb Wtb

8 henries have come and gone (in english history)

gher zamiindaar ne naukro ko piiTaa to kaa kisaanO ne

1 us ko aa gheraa +gptb

2 aa kar gher liyaa =gptb

when he beat his servants a lot of peasants came
and surrounded the land-owner

ghus see sentence sets d and e above

jhapaT bayaa apne jhOjh mE jaa rahaa thaa to itne mE baaz

1 us par aa jhapTaa +gptb

2 aa kar jhapaT paRaa =gptb Wtb

the weaver bird was just entering his nest when
the hawk came and pounced on him

Tapak aaj mujhe itnaa kaam hai aur uupar se ye log

1 2 aa Tapke +ptg aa kar Tapak gae =ptg Wpg *b

i had so much to do today as it was and on top
of that these folks had to barge in on us

TuuT see sentence set c above

Thahr mAI soctaa thaa ki tum kaaSmiir jaaoge lekin yahAA

1 phir aa Thahre +Sptgb

2 aa kar Thahr gae =Stgb Dpb⁷

i thought you'd go to kashmir but here you are
back in town already

7/ pb find Thahr-1 slightly more pejorative than Thahr-2.

DaT bahn hamaare ghar aa DaTii +Sptgb

2 aa kar DaT gaii =Sptg Wt Db

sister has established herself at our place

Duub aaj kii duniyaa ko koi ciiz agar le Duubegii +ptgb

2 le kar Duubegii =ptb Wpb *g

3 le kar Duub jaaegii *pgb ?t to wo yahii hai⁸

if anything proves the ruination of today's world
it will be this

dikhaa dekho mAI yah sab kaam kar dikhaaUUgaa +Spgb Wt

2 kar ke dikhaa dUUgaa =Sptgb Wb

just wait, i'll show you i can do it

dekh us ne yah kaam kar dekhaa thaa +bg Wpt *S

2 kar ke dekh liyaa thaa =bpt Dg⁹

he had already tried doing this

dhamak ham kyaa karte? paise paate hii pulis

1 2 aa dhamkii +ptgb aa kar dhamak gaii =pt Wp *gb¹⁰

what could we do? as soon as we found the money
the police showed up

dhar pahlwaan ne use pakaR dharaa +ptb Og

2 pakaR kar dhar diyaa =pg Wp Db *t

the wrestler got a hold on him

8/ As informants' reactions show le Duub as sequence of main verbs conjoined is a borderline case. This sequence and others like it are discussed further in section 3.5.

9/ g finds dekh-1 proper as a question and dekh-2, as a statement.

10/ But: aa kar dhamak paRii +g *b

nikaal ek kSaN ke baad raam ne ek aur yuktii

1 2 soc nikaalii +ptgb soc ke nikaal lii =ptgb Wtgbp
in an instant ram thought of another way out

pakaR pulis ne corO ko aa pakRaa +ptgb

2 aa kar pakaR liyaa =ptgb
the police nabbed the crooks

paTak ek deSii baalaa ne apne haath kii sabhii puSp
maalaaO ko us rasik vridhdh ke saamne

1 2 jaa paTkaa +ptgb jaa ke paTak diyaa =ptgb Wb
a country girl went and threw all the garlands in
her hand down in front of the romantic old man

phAs hiraN Sikaarii ke cangul mE aa phAsaa +ptgb

2 aa kar phAs gayaa =ptgb Wptb
the stag fell into the clutches of the hunter

phEk haathii ne peR ukhaaR phEkaa +ptgb

2 ukhaaR kar phEk diyaa =pt Dgb¹¹
the elephant tore up (and threw down) the tree

bas ham log usii guphaa mE jaa base +ptgb

2 jaa kar bas gae =ptgb
we all went and settled down in that cave

baiTh Taamii baar baar uchal kar us kii god mE

1 2 aa baiThne +ptgb aa kar baiTh jaane =ptgb Wgb
kii asaphal ceSTaa kartaa thaa

jumping up again and again tommy made unsucces-

11/ g finds greater emphasis on the act of throwing the tree down in phEk-2. b finds phEk-1 expresses anger.

ful attempts to get into his lap

bhiR mujh se aadmii ekdam aa bhiRaa +bSptg

2 aa kar bhiR gayaa =bSptg

the man came and suddenly attacked me

bhej apnii kuSal likh bhejnaa +ptgb Wt

2 likh kar bhej denaa =ptgb Wb

write to let us know how you are

mAgaa us ne duukaan se apnaa suuT bhej mAgayaa thaa

2 +pab Wb Og *t bhej kar mAgaa liyaa thaa =pagb Bt

he sent to the store for his suit

maar aaj to tum ne naukhar ko din bhar

1 2 dauRaa maaraa +ptgb Wt dauRaa kar maar diyaa =ptb Wb

you've been running your servant ragged all day¹²

mil see sentence set h, section 3.2.2.

lag jahaaz kinaare par aa lagaa hai +bSptg

2 aa ke lag gayaa hai =bSptg Wg

the ship has touched shore

laa wo bhaaii ko duukaan se nae kapRe

1 liwaa laayaa +bp *tjg liwaa kar le aayaa =p *bt *jg

he took his brother to the store and bought him

new clothes (and brought them back)

lipaT mujh se milii aur gale se aa lipTii +bSptg

2 aur aa kar gale se lipaT gaii =bSptg

she met me and rushed into my arms¹³

12/ For g maar-2 must have dauRaa kar maar Daalaa +g =g

13/ It will be noticed that the order of the anterior

Of course, many items that are considered able to occur as vector verbs by almost everyone may also occur in vector position by virtue of kar-Deletion:¹⁴

h 1 us ne mujhe ek tanduurii cikan xariid dii +bSptg

2 xariid kar de dii =bSptg

she bought an order of tandoori chicken and gave
it to me

However, it is obvious that not every instance of de as the second member of a verb-verb sequence can be equated with some corresponding conjunctive sequence:

i 1 us ne bhikhaarii ko do paise de diye +bSptg

2 de kar de die *bSptg

he gave the beggar two paisa

Thus the inverse of the rule of kar-Deletion may be used as a test for membership in the class of vector verbs.

However, as we shall see in section 3.4.2, it is not by itself a sufficient ^{test} to establish membership.

verb relative to other constituents in sentences like this one may change quite dramatically on the deletion of kar. Although beyond the scope of the present study, research into what rearrangements of sentence elements are required in kar-deletion and what are permitted and what are blocked would make a valuable contribution to our knowledge of Hindi syntax. For discussion of another type of change associated with kar-Deletion, see section 3.2.3, sentence sets e, f.

^{14/} In this regard note the conjunct sequences above in which dhar, nikaal, baiTh, maar, and laa figure as the second main verbs. All of these items are (on the basis of different sentences than the ones given here of course) members of the set of vector verbs as we finally define it.

3.2.2 Homotactic sequences: reversal of main
and vector verb

The formal congruence of sequences of conjoined main verbs with compound verbs has been the major source of confusion concerning the determination of the class of vector verbs. A second source of such confusion comes from within the set of compound verbs itself. Certain sequences of main verb and vector may be reordered in such a way that the vector appears as stem and the main verb occurs with the desinence:

- a 1 lakSmaN ne SuurpaNkhaa ko bhagaa diyaa +ptgb
2 de bhagaayaa +pb Og *t

laxman drove off shurpankha

It is the unusual order of main and vector verb which has probably led Vale and Kachru to consider verbs like paTak, phEk and giraa as vectors:

- b bail aa dauRaa aur sIIg maar ke diiwaal
de giraaii +pb Otg
the bull came charging up and knocked the wall
down with his horns
- c us ne Gusse mE aa kar foTo jhiil mE de phEkii
+pb Og *t
in a fit of rage he threw the snap into the lake
- d kitaab zamiin par de paTkii +ptb OKg

she dashed the book to the floor

Similarly to that of kar-Deletion, the result of the reordering or reversal of main and vector verb often implies a suddenness not found in the unreordered sequence:

e 1 us ne jhaTke se lagaam khIIc dii +ptgb Wb

2 de khIIcii +pb Btg

he jerked on the reins

3 us ne aahiste se lagaam khIIc dii +ptgb

4 de khIIcii *ptgb

he slowly pulled back on the reins

Depending on the generalization that negated compound verbs rarely occur and that in the places one¹ might expect them one finds simply the main verb negated, one can easily identify the main verb in either reordered or unreordered sequences:

a 3 lakSmaN ne SuurpaNkhaa ko nahII bhagaayaa +ptgb

4 nahII diyaa *ptgb

laxman did not drive off shurpankha

The negative test is useful in determining reordered

1/ Such as in a negative answer to a question constructed with a compound verb:

a kyaa us ne sabhii khaanaa khaa liyaa? +ptgb
did he eat up everything?

b 1 nahII, sab to nahII khaayaa +ptgb

2 nahII khaa liyaa *ptb Wg

no, not everything

For further discussion of the effects of negative environments on the simple:compound verb see sections 3.3.2 and 4.3.2.1.

versus unreordered members in a pair of equivalents. For example, it may not be obvious which is the unreordered sequence in the pair:

f 1 hawaa ke ek jhOkE ke saath patang cal uRii +gptb Wb
2 uR calii =gptb

the kite flew up with a gust of wind

By applying the negative test:

f hawaa ke us jh0ke ke saath patang

3 4 nahII calii *qb Dp Wt nahII uRii +qptb

the kite did not fly up with that gust of wind

we can deduce from the relative unacceptability of f3 that the main verb in both f1 and f2 is uR 'fly'; and the vector, cal. Hence, f2 is unreordered.

Further examples:

b bail aa dauRaa aur sIIq maar kar diiwaal

1 2 de giraaai +pb Otg giraa dii =ptgb

the bull came charging up and knocked the wall
down with his horns

bail ne sIIq maar kar bhii diiwaal

3 4 nahII giraaii +ptqb nahII dii *ptqb

even though he struck it with his horns the bull
did not topple the wall

q us ne Gusse mE aa kar kitaab zamiin par

1 2 de paTkii +ptb Wg paTak dii =ptqb

in a fit of rage he dashed the book to the floor

g Gusse mE aa kar bhii us ne kitaab zamiin par
 3 4 nahII paTkii +ptgb nahII dii *ptgb
 even though he got angry he did not throw the
 book on the floor

phEk may be substituted for paTak in sentence group g with similar results.

The phenomenon of reversal of main and vector verb in Hindi compound verbs has not passed without notice.² As mentioned in the preceding sub-section, Bahl 1964 provides a transformation called 'Reordering'³ to relate such reversed compound verbs to their unreversed counterparts. However, it turns out that his transformation as framed accounts only for main verbs that have been permuted to the right of a very small class of intransitive verbs which we have some reason to consider as members of a class of items intermediate in their

2/ The existence of reversed vector sequences is noted by the following writers: Guru, p 319; Davidova 1958, p 224, fn 9; Dymšic 1966, p 262; Kalra, p 152; Pořízka 1969, pp 19-20; Van Olphen 1970, pp 171-2. Vale mentions examples of reversed vector sequences: under item 172, p 91; under item 180, p 95; under item 192, p 97; under item 195, p 98. However, he makes no statement about reversal as a grammatical phenomenon. Bahl 1967 promises a discussion of 'reversed verb sequences' at two different points: p 328, p 435. But he nowhere delivers. No writer attempts a discussion of the conditions under which sequences are reversed.

3/ 'PSTop18' or 'Reordering of v_{in} -(aa, jaa, nikal)-strings', pp 319-20.

properties to main verbs on the one hand and vectors on the other⁴: aa, jaa, nikal. One of his fully worked out examples:

h 1 wo Satru se mil gayaa +ptgb

2 jaa milaa +ptgb #ptgb

h 1 2 he went over to the enemy

According to Bahl both these sentences may have the same meaning. Informants, however, do not agree: the second one always implies a preceding movement on the part of the agent which the first does not. Thus, the correct analysis of h2 is as a sequence of conjoined main verbs derived through the application of kar-Deletion:

h 2 wo Satru se jaa milaa +ptgb

3 jaa kar mil gayaa =ptgb

he went and joined the enemy

The non-equivalence of h1 and h2 becomes more apparent in a distinguishing context such as the following:

i 1 Satru kaa jaasuus ham se yahAA mil gayaa +gpb

2 jaa milaa *gpb

the enemy agent went over to us here

Here the presence of yahAA 'here' renders the use of jaa strange in i2 where it retains its function as a main verb.

4/ For further discussion of this intermediate class see section 3.2.5 below.

Very little is known about reversed compound verbs: which vectors participate in reordered sequences? what conditions of meaning or situation govern their occurrence? how do they relate to the dialect map of Hindi-speaking India? The subject deserves much more attention than we can give it here. We must content ourselves with a few remarks and some examples of extremely colloquial reverse compound verbs which to our knowledge have never been reported on.

Reordered sequences have been observed containing the vectors cal, uTh, de, dhar, and maar:

cal 1 dopahr biit calii thii +bSigpt

a 2 cal biitii thii +bp OKi *Sgt

the afternoon was well advanced

uTh jo laRkii darwaaze ke paas khaRii thii wo ekaaek

a 1 2 bol uThii +gibSpat uTh bolii +g ?p *ibSat

the girl who was standing near the door suddenly spoke up

b 1 phuuljhaRii se cingaariyAA ekaaek nikal uThII +bgp

2 uTh niklII +bgp

sparks suddenly showered from the sparkler

phuuljhaRii se cingaariyAA ekaaek

3 4 nahII niklII +bgp nahII uThII *bgp

sparks didn't suddenly shower from the sparkler⁵

5/ The negative test is not decisive for uTh-al and -a2.

With dhar and with de we occasionally find main verbs in reordered sequences which do not occur with dhar or de in unreordered sequences. These main verbs appear to be all intransitives:

dhar wo wahAA dhar baiThii Vpg Dt *b baiTh dharii *ptgb
she sat right down there (and wouldn't budge)⁶

de 1 wo itne zor se de bhaagii +Svp OKi *bgt
2 bhaag dii *ibg ?S +vpt
ki ham use nahII pakaR sake
she lit out of there so fast we couldn't catch her

b 1 baaz parinde par de jhapTaa +vSibp *gt
2 jhapaT diyaa *Sgibpt ?v
the hawk swooped down on the bird

Another interesting reversal is that occasionally observed where the main verb is a complex element consisting of an 'adjective' and a verbal operator:

c 1 pair se maar kar darwaazaa band kar do +bigSpt
kick the door shut!

The reordering operation if it applies at all treats such complex verbs as unit stems:⁷

6/ This observation applies to the dhar-sequence cited by Van Olphen (p 171):
a b ghoRaa dhar bhaagaa Vpg Ot *b bhaag dharaa *ptgb
the horse ran off

7/ There has been a controversy on the proper characterization of 'complex verbs' in Hindi. The interested reader may turn to Kachru 1968, pp 82-91.

c pair se maar kar darwaazaa

2 3 de band karo +b ?p *igSt band de karo *bigSpt

The item maar is rather infrequently noted as a vector verb in unreordered sequences;⁸ its presence in reverse sequences has so far escaped notice:

maar 1 mAI ne prezideNT ko ek ciTThii likh maarii thii

2 +bSipt PJg maar likhii thii +bi *gSpt

i dashed off a letter to the president

b 1 us kaa kamraa chaan maaro +biSptg

2 maar chaano +b Og *Sipt

search his room!

Except for the example of cal given here, all the instances of reversed compound verbs which we have encountered express actions which involve actual physical (as opposed to psychic or metaphoric) movement.⁹ The conditions for reversal appear to include those emotions (anger, contempt, fear, surprise) which lead to extreme suddenness or indeliberateness in the performance of the action expressed. For some speakers verbs of running, throwing, hitting and breaking are all liable to reversal while more sedate or inherently durative verbs are

8/ Bahl 1964 considers such occurrences of maar to derive from conjoined main verbs. See his example 457, Appendix II, p 26.

9/ A feature which the reversal of vector sequences has in common with reversal of factor sequences. See discussion below in section 3.2.5.

not:¹⁰

j 1 2 us ne gilaas toR diyaa +pgb de toRaa +pb Og
he broke a glass

k 1 2 us ne gilaas banaa diyaa +pgb de banaayaa ?p¹¹ *gb
he made a glass

l 1 2 us ne makaan banaa diyaa +pgb de banaayaa *pgb
he built a house

Furthermore the expression of an action with a reordered verb sequence implies a certain wilfulness that is not specified in the unreordered sequence:

m 1 us ne bhuul se gilaas toR diyaa +pgb
2 de toRaa *pb ?g
he broke the glass by accident (cf set j1-2)

The problem of delimiting the productivity of re-ordering is further complicated by the extreme dialectal and idiolectal variation that is encountered in speakers on just this point. In general, it seems that those who come from the more easterly parts of the Hindi speaking area and those having less contact with village life accept relatively few reversed sequences. For such speakers the descriptive problem probably admits of a

10/ Why only de and maar and not Daal (which often co-occurs with main verbs expressing violent acts) should permit reordering is a complete mystery.

11/ k2 seems less acceptable because it usually takes longer to make a glass than break one. However:
a us ne do minat mE gilaas de banaayaa +pb *g
he whipped off a glass in two minutes

lexical solution. For speaker t, for instance, only a handful of reversed expressions (de maar, de paTak, cal uR) are acceptable. (Significantly, the first of these has become sufficiently well integrated into the literary language to find a place in dictionaries: mhk 4.346)

Below we give a recapitulation of different speakers' reactions to different reversed sequences in tabular form.¹²

	t	S	g	i	p	v	j	b
<u>de maar</u>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<u>de paTak</u>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<u>de bhagaa</u>	*	*	*	+	+	+		+
<u>de giraa</u>	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+
<u>de band kar</u>	*	*	*	*	?			+
<u>de bhaag</u>	*	+	*	*	+	+		*
<u>cal uR</u>	+	*	+		+		+	+
<u>cal biit</u>	*	*	*	OK	+			+
<u>uTh bol</u>	*	*	+	*	?			*
<u>maar likh</u>	*	*	*	+	*	*	*	+
<u>maar chaan</u>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	+

^{12/} It should be borne in mind that speakers may be reacting to quite different criteria when making responses. In this case, it was discovered quite after the fact unfortunately that g was assenting only to those sequences she herself would actually use while p would accept things she had heard others in her village use. In fact their linguistic backgrounds are quite similar.

3.2.3 Homotactic sequences: reversal of con- joined main verbs

A second type of reordered verb sequence is made up not of reversed compound verbs but of reversed conjunct sequences.¹ That is, in certain cases the output of Rule 17, kar-Deletion, undergoes the operation specified by Rule 18, Reversal:

- a 0 wo ghoRaa laayaa aur hamaare uupar caRhaa
 diyaa +ptgb
- 1 us ne ghoRaa hamaare uupar laa kar caRhaa
 diyaa +pabtg =ptgb
- 2 us ne ghoRaa hamaare uupar laa caRhaayaa =pabtg
- 3 wo ghoRaa hamaare uupar caRhaa laayaa =pabtg
- he brought his horse right on top of us

Aside from the equivalence of these four sentences as attested to by speakers, support for this analysis of a3 is provided by the absence of a sequence with unde-

1/ The possibility of the existence of reverse conjunct sequences in Hindi is suggested by Pořízka 1969, paragraph 25.5. However, the examples he presents are quite clearly something else:

- a tum dekh aae wo goh kii khaal suukh gaii hai
 ki nahII +ptgb

have you seen whether the lizard skin has dried or not (and come back from seeing)?

Pořízka translates this as:

have you come to see whether the skin of the lizard has got dry or not?

Pořízka here seems to have been misled by the tendency of European languages to express beforehand action (go and see) rather than the aftermaths of important

leted kar corresponding to it:

a 4 wo ghoRaa hamaare uupar caRhaa kar le aayaa *pb^{g2}

Evidence for the existence of reverse conjunct sequences is also available from analysis of co-occurrence restrictions. The verb jhapaT meaning 'pounce' or 'spring upon' requires the marking of the victim or goal of the pounce by the postposition par:

b 1 baaz bayaa par jhapaT paRaa +ptgb

2 de jhapTaa +p Og *tb

3 baaz bayaa ko jhapaT paRaa *ptb Dg³

4 de jhapTaa *ptb ?g

the hawk pounced on the weaver bird

Thus the regime in the following cannot be explained as being that of main verb jhapaT:

c 1 baaz bayaa par le jhapTaa *ptgb

2 baaz bayaa ko le jhapTaa +pgb *t

the hawk snatched the weaver bird

action (see and come), which is a tendency in Hindi. As far as communicative function is concerned there is no reason why a tripartite act, say, fetch (1. go, 2. get, 3. come back) cannot be expressed just as efficiently by mention of its last two components (get and come) as by mention of the first two (go and get) or by mention of the medial component alone (get).

- 2/ Speaker t finds a4 acceptable and equivalent to a0, a1, a2 and a3. However, he does not accept a5:
 a 5 us ne ghoRaa hamaare uupar caRhaayaa aur le aayaa
 To account for a4, then, we must posit a Rule 71 of kar-Insertion, the mirror image of kar-Deletion. For further discussion see below, section 3.4.2.

That leaves main verb le in a derivation as follows:⁴

baaz jhapaTaa aur bayaa ko le liyaa +pgb

GT 4:⁵ baaz ne jhapaT kar bayaa ko le liyaa =pgb

Clump:⁶ baaz ne bayaa ko jhapaT kar le liyaa =pgb +t

R 17: baaz ne bayaa ko jhapaT liyaa = ptgb

R 18: baaz bayaa ko le jhapaTaa =pg *tb

the hawk pounced and took the weaver bird

i. e.; the hawk snatched the weaver bird

The undefined rearrangements and deletions that may accompany kar-Deletion (or for that matter, Non-Finite Conjunction⁵) often obscure the relation of reverse conjunct sequences to their syntactic cognates. For example, although

d 1 us ne tarkiib nikaal socii +btg ?p

he thought up a way out

is felt to be the equivalent of

d 2 us ne tarkiib soc kar nikaal lii =bpt Dg

it is however not the equivalent of

d 3 us ne tarkiib socii aur nikaal lii *ptgb

4/ Of course, derivation in the formal sense is not intended here. However, since each of the four rules mentioned here is 'optional' (if we forget about differences in connotation and expressiveness), the progressive changes made by the application of each rule to an underlying form is reflected in the different surface structures in the derivation of which progressively more of these optional rules have been allowed to apply.

5/ From Bahl 1964. See above, section 3.2.1, fn 2.

6/ Discussed below. Also see section 3.2.1, fn 13.

but of d4:

d 4 us ne socaa aur tarkiib nikaal lii =tgpb

lit: he thought and (as a result of thinking) came
 up with a way out

It is clear that between d4 and d2 there should be an intermediate sentence d5:

d 5 us ne soc kar tarkiib nikaal lii =gpb

In order to convert this sentence's (underlying) form into the input for Rule 17, we propose a rule 'Clump' which accounts for the migration of conjunctive participles (soc kar, etc.) to a position directly to the left of the last verb. This clumping of main verbs at the end of the sentence is an important step in the formation of the homotags of compound verbs.⁷

Deletions also play an important part in the formation of homotags. For instance, it appears likely that there is in the derivation of the common reverse conjunct sequence aa nikal 'appear' a deletion of kahII se 'from somewhere' or similar phrase:

- e 1 Serwaanii pahne ek dublaa saa aadmii kahII se
 nikal kar saRak par aa jaataa hai (shS 138) +gpb
- 2 Serwaanii pahne ek dublaa saa aadmii saRak par
 aa nikaltaa hai =gpb Wp

^{7/} It would be nice to know just which constituents in the second verb's clause may be hopped over by the first verb under Clumping.

a thin man wearing a shervani comes out from
someplace onto the road

f 1 daiwyog usii waqt munSii riyasat alii aa nikle +pb +g
2 ...alii kahII se nikal kar wahAA aa gae =g Dp *b
at that very moment it so happened that the clerk
of the estate riyasat ali appeared

A convincing proof of this analysis of aa nikal, however, must depend on something less controvertible than speakers' intuitions about equivalence.⁸

Other examples of reversed conjunct sequences:

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aa9      hiraN Sikaarii ke cangul mE aa kar phAs gayaa +ptg Db
R 17     aa phAsaa =ptgb
R 18     phAs aayaa =tgp Wp Db
          phAs kar aa gayaa *gpb
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the stag came and fell into the clutches of the
hunter

kuud cor makaan se baahar kuud kar nikal gayaa +btpg
R 17 kuud niklaa =btpg
R 18 nikal kuudaa =bp Dg Wp Og *t
nikal kar kuud paRaa Dptgb

the burglar jumped out of the house

8/ Although not explicitly discussed it is clear from examples he uses that Dwarikesh is not unaware of the problem of permutation and deletion of constituents under conjunctive participle formation. See sentences 246, 247 and 249 in Dwarikesh 1971, pp 118-9.

9/ The examples are listed under that item that becomes homotactic with vector verbs by virtue of Rules 17-8.

nikaal baap ne apne beTe ko ghar se

nikaal kar baahar kar diyaa +pbtg

R 17 nikaal baahar kiyaa =pbtg

R 18 baahar kar nikaalaa =pbtg Wt Og

baahar kar ke nikaal diyaa *btg ?p

the father turned his son out of the house

baahar kar baap ne beTe ko ghar se

baahar kar ke bhagaa diyaa +bt Wp *g

R 17 baahar kar bhagaayaa =pbt Wt *g

R 18 bhagaa baahar kiyaa =pb Og *t

bhagaa kar baahar kar diyaa *pbt Og =g

the father drove his son away from home

bhej raam ne DaakTar ko bhej kar bulaa liyaa +ptgb

R 17 bhej bulaayaa =ptgb

R 18 bulaa bhejaa =p Dgb *t

bulaa kar bhej diyaa *p Dtgb

ram sent for a doctor

us ne naaii saaRii dukaan se bhej kar mAgaa lii

R 17 +btgp bhej mAgaaaii =btp *g

R 18 mAgaa bhejii =bgp *t

mAgaa kar bhej dii Dbt
Dpg

she sent to the store for a new sari

haTaa us ke kapRe itne gande the ki us ne unhE

haTaa kar baahar kar diyaa +btg Wp

R 17 haTaa baahar kiyaa =bpg *t

R 18 baahar kar haTaayaa =pb *tg
 baahar kar ke haTaa diyaa *ptb

his clothes were so dirty she threw them out

Given the main verbs with which it occurs in vector position, it might at first sight seem possible to account for khaR@ ho as itself a main verb permuted to the right by successive applications of Clump, kar-Deletion and Reversal: bhaag khaR@ ho 'get up and run?', cal khaR@ ho 'get up and go?', nikal khaR@ ho 'get up and go out?'. However, given sentences in which these sequences occur, speakers do not find the corresponding terms of the relation defined by the rules of kar-Deletion and Reversal to be acceptable:

- g duusre din se don0 mitr Adhere mUh ghar se
- 1 nikal khaRe hote (pcr 118) +ptgb
 - 2 khaRe ho nikalte (g1 minus R 18) *tgpb
 - 3 khaRe ho kar nikal jaate (g2 minus R 17) Dpgb =t¹⁰
 duusre din se don0 mitr Adhere mUh khaRe ho kar
 - 4 ghar se nikal jaate (g3 minus Clump) Dgb =t *p
 from the next day on both friends would be up and
 out of the house before dawn

It is quite possible, however, that the occurrence of khaR@ ho in vector position with main verbs such as cal,

^{10/} The fact that speaker t does not find g2 acceptable raises some question as to how to interpret his reaction to g3 and g4. It is of course not inconceivable that for him Rules 17 and 18 must both apply

bhaag, and nikal¹¹ owes its origin to the application of these rules to sequences similar to that of g4 with a subsequent specialization of meaning and syntactic isolation of the resulting sequences. Such diachronic processes as semantic specialization and syntactic isolation may be behind much of the development and proliferation that may be observed in the compound verb systems of Indo-Aryan.¹²

3.2.4 Homotactic sequences: constellated main verbs

Another verb-verb sequence which is structurally congruent to the compound verb is that composed of nearly synonymous main verbs:

a	unhO ne raam ko biraadrii se <u>alag kar nikaalaa</u> +bp	
	they outcasted ram	Og

^{11/} With aa and uTh, the two other main verbs with which khar@ ho commonly occurs in literary Hindi, the vector sequences may have been at one time able to be accounted for by kar-Deletion alone. The sequence bigaR khar@ ho noted by Beskrovnyj 1964, p 59, does not admit of any transformational account be it synchronic or diachronic. In colloquial and dialectal Hindi, khar@ ho occurs with a large range of main verbs. See section 3.6.1.

^{12/} For other speculations on the origin and development of the compound verb in Hindi and other Indo-Aryan languages see Chatterji 1926, pp 1049-50; Masica 1971, p 225; Pořizka 1968, pp 248-9; Vale, pp 264-7; and Southworth 1971, pp 168-9.

In the sequence alag kar nikaalaa both verbs share the meaning element: 'to cause to become separate'. One might argue that the activity expressed by alag kar 'to separate' might be considered prior to that of nikaal 'to expel' and therefore the sequence in 1 should be considered a derivation from alag kar ke nikaal diyaa 'having separated (ram), threw him out' via kar-Deletion. However, it is not clear from the meanings of the individual verbs that it would be impossible to argue for a derivation from nikaal kar alag kar diyaa 'expelling (ram), separated (him from the caste)', as well. In any case, neither sequence with the conjunctive marker kar is accepted as equivalent:

- a unh0 ne raam ko biraadrii se
 2 alag kar ke nikaal diyaa Db Og ?p =g¹
 3 nikaal kar alag kar diyaa *bg ?p

In many cases such constellations of main verbs are 'reversible' although which order is to be considered reverse and which, obverse is, of course, not determinable:

- a 4 unh0 ne raam ko biraadrii se nikaal alag kiyaa +bgp
 It is perhaps not surprising that one order as opposed to the other does not connote greater speed, violence or peremptoriness. (contrast 3.2.2.el-2)

1/ a 5 alag kiyaa aur nikaal diyaa *gpb(see fn 2, below)

Such constellations are best considered unit idioms. A handful of further examples is given below:

b 1 kaam karte karte ham mar miTe +ptgb

2 miT mare =ptgb Wpb

3 4 mar ke miT gae *pgb =t² miT ke mar gae *pgb =t Wt
par natiijaa kuch na huua

we killed ourselves working on this with nothing
to show for it (mar 'die; vanish'; miT 'be erased')

c 1 2 us par musibat aa banii +ptgb ban aaii =pgb Wpb *t

3 4 aa kar ban gaii ≠p *tgb ban kar aa gaii *tgbp
misfortune overtook him (aa 'come'; ban 'become')³

d 1 hamlaa karne ke liye us kii fauj caRh dhaaii +ptgb

2 3 dhaa caRhii =p *tgb caRh kar dhaa gaii *tgb ?p

4 dhaa kar caRh gaii *tgbp (caRh 'charge'; dhaa 'run')
his army rushed to the attack

e angrez kii senaa ne muGal saamraajy

1 dabaa baiThaayaa +p *tb Og

2 baiThaa dabaayaa =p *tgb

3 dabaa kar baiThaa diyaa *ptgb (dabaa 'subdue')

4 baiThaa kar dabaa diyaa *ptgb (baiThaa 'crush')

2/ Speaker t finds b3 and b4 acceptable. However:

b 5 kaam karte karte ham mare aur miT gae *t

6 miTe aur mar gae *t

Apparently this is another case of kar-Insertion. See section 3.2.3, fn 2, and section 3.4.2.

3/ The verbs aa and ban may seem to be very far from being synonyms. In the context of musibat, however, they are mutually substitutable:

a us par musibat aa paRii thii +ptgb

b ban paRii thii =pg *tb
misfortune overtook him

the english army brought down the mogul empire

f aawaaraa-gardii mE us ne zindagii

1 2 kaaT nikaalii +gpb nikaal kaaTii =gp *b

3 kaaT kar nikaal dii *gpb (kaaT 'mark, pass time')

4 nikaal kar kaaT dii *gpb (nikaal 'spend time')

he passed his life in idleness

g 1 wo pahle hii wahAA pahUc Tapkii thii +pb OKg *t

2 Tapak pahUcii thii =pb *tg

3 pahUc kar Tapak gatii thii *gb ?pt

4 Tapak kar pahUc gatii thii *ptgb

she had already made that scene

(pahUc 'arrive'; Tapak 'appear; drop in; drip')

It seems quite likely that constellation is an intermediate point in the development of compound verbs from sequences of main verbs that may be accounted for by transformations. As synonymous and quasi-synonymous items come to be substituted for one or the other of a constellated pair the other gradually acquires a flexibility in its privileges of occurrence that rules out exhaustive account by listing. The item nikaal seems to be passing through this stage in modern day Hindi.⁴ The item baahar kar 'put out' seems to be approaching it.⁵

4/ See further examples of nikaal-sequences in section 3.6.7. Sub-synonymy, discussed there and in 3.6.6, strikes me as being the stage following constellation in the grammaticalization or 'vectorization' of verbs.

5/ Regarded as a vector by Jelovkov 1963, p 92.

3.2.5 Homotactic sequences: reversal of factor verb sequences

There is yet a fourth type of verb-verb sequence which is reversible:

a ghaayal Ser golii khaa kar zamiin par

1 2 luRhak gayaa +bptg jaa luRhkaa =bptg

the wounded tiger was hit and toppled to the
ground (kb64 Appendix II 28)

This type of reversible sequence is distinguished from the third type (constellated main verbs) by the following features: a) the two verbs are not roughly synonymous; b) not only do their meanings differ, but one of the two is semantically dominant:

b ghaayal Ser golii khaa kar bhii zamiin par

1 2 nahII luRhkaa +ptgb nahII gayaa *tb Dp =g

even though the wounded tiger had taken a hit
he didn't topple to the ground¹

Yet the semantically less important element has not completely lost its meaning either. Rather, each member describes some aspect of a unified activity. In contrast to sequences of conjoined main verbs, it is not possible to discover a before-and-after relation between

1/ For the use of negative correspondents to determine the main verb, see section 3.2.2, sentences a3-4 and f3-4.

these aspects:

a ghaayal Ser golii khaa kar zamiin par

3 jaa kar luRhak gayaa *b Dpg =t²

4 luRhak kar calaa gayaa Dbptg

The jaa 'go' and luRhak 'tumble' of al-2 describe simultaneous components or factors of a single act. In order to suggest the greater degree of semantic autonomy of jaa in al (as opposed to that of jaa in, say:

c raam baRaa ho gayaa ram got big/grew up)

we call it a 'factor verb'.

Where the meaning of the predominant element or main verb permits, the factor jaa may be in contrast with aa:

d 1 sAIkRO ujjwal AAKhE hamaarii or aa lagII +bptg

2 un kii or jaa lagII +ptgb

bright eyes by the hundred turned in our/their
direction

and occasionally even with nikal:

e mujhe aate hue dekhte hii mere kamre se

1 2 nikal bhaagii +ptgb bhaag niklii =ptgb

as soon as she saw me coming she ran out of my
room

f mujhe aate hue dekhte hii duusre kamre mE

1 2 jaa bhaagii +pg *tb bhaag gaili =ptgb

2/ Apparently another case of kar-Insertion in t's speech:
a 5 gayaa aur zamiin par luRhak gayaa ≠t

as soon as she saw me coming she ran into another room

g use aate hue dekhte hii mere kamre mE

1 2 aa bhaagii +p Wg *tb bhaag aaii =pg +tb
as soon as she saw him coming she ran into my room

Like dhar and de when used with intransitive main verbs,³ factor verbs in some cases occur only in reordered sequences:⁴

d 3 sAIkRO ujwal AAKhE hamaarii or lag aaII +b ?g *pt
bright eyes by the hundred turned in our direction (contrast dl)

What distinguishes reversal of factor verb sequences from that of vector verb sequences (section 3.2.2) is that reversibility of the former depends on the degree to which the factor retains its primary lexical meaning. In vector sequences like paTak de and likh maar, reversibility depends on global features of the action depicted and is independent of the degree to which a component of 'giving' or 'striking' features in it. Thus, sequences in which aa, jaa, or nikal function not only as

3/ See the seventh page of section 3.2.2.

4/ Similarly for aa pahUc:

a b wo yahAA aa pahUcaa +gpb pahUc aayaa *gb ?p
he arrived here

Perhaps with aa the un reordered sequences interfere with the causatives: lagaa 'apply'; pahUcaa 'deliver'

elements expressing completion⁵ but also determine the direction of some actual physical movement are those which are subject to reversal. For example, in sets h and j, aa is a factor verb expressing the direction of the movement of tears or clouds. In sets i and k, aa is functioning as a vector verb, expressing no more than the completion of that movement:

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h 1 us kii AAKhO mE AAsuu bhar aae +ptbg

2 aa bhare =ptbg Wpg

3PI FACTOR

tears welled up in her eyes

i 1 us kii AAKhE AAsuO se bhar aaII +ptbg

3PI VECTOR

2 aa bharII *ptbg

her eyes welled with tears

j 1 2 aakaaS mE baadal ghir aae +ptgb aa ghire =ptgb 3PI FACTOR

clouds flooded into the sky

k 1 aakaaS baadlO se ghir aayaa +tgb OKp

3PI VECTOR

2 aa ghiraa *ptb =g Wg

the sky was flooded with clouds

Similarly jaa:

l 1 2 jiine se upar caRh gaii +ptgb jaa caRhii =ptb Dg⁶

she climbed up by the stairs

m 1 ciinii kaa daam pacciis tak caRh gayaa +ptgb

2 jaa caRhaa =ptgb

5/ See discussion of the functions of vectors at 4.2.

6/ Speaker g finds that l2 connotes a greater emphasis on arriving at the top of the stairs.

the price of sugar went up to twenty-five⁷

n 1 aaj pacciis rupye bahii par caRh gae +gpb

2 jaa caRhe *gpb

today twenty-five rupees were entered in the
account book

(n2 implies rupees have feet: +p)

Not every factor verb sequence is subject to re-
versal:

o us ke bahut adhik coT lagii thii parantu apne khe-

1 me tak kisii prakaar wo ghisaT aayaa +bptg

2 aa ghisTaa Dp ?g *b

he was very badly hurt but somehow or other he
managed to drag himself up to his tent

We are proposing here only that if a verb-verb sequence
in aa, jaa or nikal is reversible then it is not a vec-
tor sequence but a factor sequence.

It is also true that what we call factor sequen-
ces may have a variety of sources:

o 3 ...apne kheme tak kisii prakaar wo ghisaTte

ghisaTte aa gayaa =gpb

g use aate hue dekhte hii mere kamre mE

3 4 bhaagii huii aaii =gpb bhaag kar aaii =gpb

^{7/} An increase in price may strike the reader as rather
far from an 'actual physical movement' and indeed our
definition of factor verbs may have to be loosened to
include metaphorical extensions of such movements.
The reader should contrast m2 with i2 or n2 in which
there is no movement of eyes or rupees actual or meta-

Factor: partially grammaticalized
vector: completely grammaticalized

But in general the setting up of a category does not rule out the possibility of further sub-categorization of its members. Our intention here is only to distinguish the class factor from the class vector on the basis of partial versus complete grammaticalization⁸.

The class of factor verbs is composed of aa 'come', jaa 'go', nikal 'go out' and their respective transitive counterparts: laa 'bring', le jaa 'take away' and nikaal 'take out'. As the category as is, is as far as we know, being proposed for the first time⁹, it is to be expected that further research will turn up other members. In the absence of any reliable syntactic test to distinguish factor sequences from vector sequences (it will be noted that all of the proposed factor verbs have homonymous correspondents among the vectors¹⁰), we must rely on an intuitive response to the question: Does the item contribute a component of meaning to that of the sequence as a whole which is analogous to that it expresses as a main verb? Is this meaning component si-

FACTOR

^{8/} For further discussion of this concept, see 3.3.1.

^{9/} That some vector-like items express the direction of movement or remain semantically more intact than others has been observed in a number of places: Davidova 1958, p 226; Hacker 1958, p 214; Jelovkov 1963, p 92. Pahwa 1936 goes so far as not to list aa with his 'intensive auxiliaries' (=vectors) at all. Compare pp 241-2 with p 246.

^{10/} Sequences with vector laa are rare enough to be dealt with by listing as idioms. See 3.5, set f.

multaneous or serial to that of the other member of the sequence? In order to facilitate such introspection we present a number of examples of factor sequences, especially for laa, le jaa, nikal and nikaal:

laa 1 wo naaw is or (us or *bpt +g) khe laayaa +bptg
he rowed the boat in this (in that) direction

le jaa wo naaw us or (is or *bpt +g) khe le gayaa +bptg
1 he rowed the boat in that (in this) direction

laa 2 kuttaa ghar mE gande kapRe ghasiiT laayaa +bptg
the dog dragged dirty clothes into the house

le jaa kuttaa ghar mE se kapRe ghasiiT le gayaa +ptgb
2 the dog dragged the clothes out of the house

laa 3 jiiwan kii baadhaaE yahAA khIIc laatii thII +gpb
the frustrations of life were drawing (them) to
this place (pcr 108)

le jaa maidaan kii wo sukhad hariyaalii, hawaa ke wo hal-
ke halke jhOke...waalii-baal kii wo tezii aur

3 phurtii mujhe agyaat aur aniwaary ruup se khIIc
le jaatii (pcr 24) +gpb
the delightful green of the field, the gentle
breezes...the speed and excitement of volley-ball
used to draw me away unconsciously and ineluctably

aa 1 jiiwan kii baadhaaO se yahAA khIc aate the +gpb
Wpb

2 aa khIcte the =gpb

they were drawn here by the frustrations of life

jaa wahII baiThaa thaa lekin man se us kii oor

- 1 2 khIc jaataa +gb *p jaa khIctaa =gb ?p
 he would be sitting right there but in his mind
 he would be drawn away in her direction

nikal parindaa apne pIjre mE se uR niklaa +bgp

- 1 the bird flew out of its cage
 2 jel kii khiRkii se raam kuud niklaa +bgp
 ram jumped out of the prison window
 3 tumhaare khIIcne se sweTar udhaR niklii +bp *g
 my sweater unraveled from your pulling at it

nikaal tum ne khIIc kar merii sweTar udheR nikaalii +g PJp
 *b

- 1 you unraveled my sweater by pulling at it

nikal haath lagte hii us ke kuch baal jhaR nikle +bp Og

- 4 some hair came out with the touch of his hand

nikaal marammat kar ke us ke baal jhaaR nikaale +bgp

- 2 they beat him up and tore out his hair

nikal gaidiyO ne mahiinO koSiS kii aur ek din aakhirkaar

- 5 nadii ke kinaare surang phuut niklii +bptg
 the prisoners worked for months and finally one
 day by the bank of the river their escape tunnel
 holed through

nikaal gaidiyO ne mahiinO koSiS kii aur ek din aakhirkaar

- 3 nadii ke kinaare unhO ne surang phoR nikaalii
 +bptg ...and finally one day by the bank of the
 river they holed through their escape tunnel

3.2.6 Homotactic sequences: main and modal verb

Many writers, in discussing compound verbs, draw a distinction between them and formally congruent sequences of main plus modal verb: sak 'can, be able', cuk 'already', and sometimes paa 'manage'. This distinction is made on the basis of differences in the syntax and semantics of modal sequences as opposed to vector sequences.

I. Modal sequences behave differently from vector sequences when passivized.¹ Thus, while vectors either precede the passive marker jaa or do not occur with it at all, the modals sak and cuk distinguish themselves by coming to its right: *i.e. after the main verb*

- a 1 mAI ne xat likh Daalaa thaa +ptgb
 i wrote a letter/i dashed off a letter
- 2 xat likh Daalaa gayaa thaa +ptgb
- 3 xat likhaa jaa Daalaa thaa *ptgb
 a letter was written/dashed off
- b xat likhaa jaa saktaa hai +ptgb
 a letter can be written

1/ Masica (mimeo) makes a similar observation to distinguish cuk, sak, and paa from other operators (=vector verbs). However, he provides no example of the use of paa in a passive construction: p 15. Davidova 1958 uses the same argument to distinguish cuk and sak from 'intensivnyx' or 'obrazujuščix glagolov'. paa, however, she includes among the latter: pp 226-7.

c xat likhaa jaa cukaa hai +ptgb
 a letter has already been written

II. sak is distinguished by its inability to occur as a main verb.²

III. sak, paa, and cuk are alleged to occur freely with any main verb while vectors do not.³

) important
 "productivity"

IV. In contrast to vector verbs sak and paa occur freely with negative elements:⁴

d mAI ne xat likh nahII Daalaa *tgpb (as denial +g ?p)
 i didn't dash off a letter

e 1 mAI xat likh nahII sakaa +tgpb

2 mAI xat likh nahII paayaa +tgpb

 i couldn't (manage to) write a letter

V. sak, paa, and cuk do not occur in imperatives:⁵

f xat likh Daalo +tgpb dash off a letter

g xat likh sako *tgpb be able to write a letter

h xat likh pao *tgpb manage to write a letter

i xat likh cuko *tgpb already write a letter

VI. paa (and sometimes sak) occur in the progres-

2/ Davidova 1958, p 227; Pray mimeo, p 6, point (d).

3/ Pray mimeo, p 6, point (a).

4/ Bahl 1964, p 33, observes this of sak. Pray (mimeo) states this for sak, paa and cuk: p 6, point (b).

5/ Observed by Bahl 1964, p 31.

sive:⁶

j mAI bilkul nahII samajh paa rahaa thaa +gpb
i was at a complete loss (act 50)

k us kaa anumaan mAI nahII lagaa sak rahaa thaa +b
i was unable to make anything of it ?p
*g

VII. Modals sak and paa do not always imply the performance of the action expressed by the main verb with which they occur. It is alleged that vectors do:⁷

l wo aa saktaa thaa lekin kabhii nahII aayaa +tgpb
he could have come but never did

m wo aa jaataa thaa lekin kabhii nahII aayaa *tgpb
he used to come but never did

VIII. Modals sak and cuk in concatenation with main verbs retain their own meanings while vectors do not.⁸

The first point to be made is that none of these arguments distinguish the so-called modals sak, paa and cuk as a group from the vectors as a group. Only three of them mention all three modals: III, IV and V. We shall

6/ Noted by Pray mimeo, p 6, point (c).

7/ Pray mimeo, p 6, point (e).

8/ В отличие от сложных интенсивных глаголов (compound verbs: PH) компоненты потенциальной (sak) и комплетивной (cuk) форм не образуют единого лексического целого а сохраняют словарные значения. Davidova 1958, p 227. At first sight this argument when compared with point II above may seem rather circular. However, see discussion below.

examine these first.

III. This point is impossible to evaluate since neither Pray (mimeo) nor, for that matter, anyone else has ever attempted a statement of the co-occurrence restrictions for either the modals or the vectors with main verbs.

"productivity"

IV. This point is very important since the strict limitations on the occurrence of negated vector sequences is an important criterion for establishing the category vector.⁹ However, Pray's inclusion of cuk cannot stand. Speakers accept negated cuk-sequences only under those conditions¹⁰ which permit the negation of any compound verb:

n 1 mujhe Dar thaa kahII wo aa na cukaa ho OKgpb

2 aa na gayaa ho +gpb

i was afraid he might not already have come

o 1 wo nahII aa cukaa *gpb (as denial +g *p)

2 nahII aa gayaa *gpb (as denial +g *p)

V. While it is true that modal sequences do not occur in the imperative this property does not distinguish them from all vector sequences:

p tum ne murGiyAA paal rakhii hAI +gp

you have raised chickens

9/ Discussed in section 3.3.2.

10/ Discussed in section 4.3.2.1.

q murGiyAA paal rakho *b ?p Og raise chickens!
 r bolte bolte ruk paRii aur mujhe dekh uThii +gb *p
 she stopped talking and gazed at me
 s mujhe dekh uTho *gpb¹¹ gaze at me!

Since cuk does not 'retain its meaning' in the special sense we discuss below, that leaves only point I to distinguish cuk, paa and sak as a class from vectors as a class. Except that paa may not belong:

t xat likhaa jaa paataa hai *gb Op
 a letter manages to be written

In fact, it seems that the peculiarity of syntax noted in I with regard to sak may be limited to formal or written styles of Hindi. The colloquial language has other options for passivization of sequences containing sak that are characteristic of vector sequences:

u mAI ne us se bolne kii bahut koSiS kii, lekin
 wahAA bahut log the aur is lie us ke jaane se
 1 pahle mAI baat nahII kar sakaa +givpbt
 2 pahle baat nahII kii jaa sakii +givpbt
 3 nahII kar sakii gaii +vb Wg ?ip *t
 4 nahII kii jaa sakii gaii +vib ?gp *t
 i tried very hard to talk to him but there were a
 lot of people there and for that reason i didn't
 get to talk with him before he left

For some speakers the pattern of u3 (which incidentally
11/ Sentence s is acceptable as a stage direction: +g *b

is the pattern found in Sanskrit and in Gujarati¹²) is the only one permitting the occurrence of paa in a passive sequence (unless the main verb is replaced by the corresponding anti-causative¹³ as in v5):

v mAI ne us se bolne kii bahut koSiS kii lekin wahAA
bahut log the aur is liye us ke jaane se pahle

1 mAI baat nahII kar paayaa +gpb

2 mujh se baat nahII kii jaa paaii *itbg WWp

3 nahII kar paaii gaii +t Og Wip *b

4 kar na paaii jaa sakii +b OKp ?p

5 nahII ho paaii +itbgp

(for gloss see sentence u)

Thus cuk's behavior under passivization is apparently an accident or perhaps a reflection of the fact that the corresponding main verb is not transitive. (None of the vectors which are homonymous with intransitive main verbs undergo passivization.) In any event it cannot be considered a decisive argument against considering cuk a vector verb.

VI. Although most vector sequences do not occur in the progressive in the pattern of j and w, they do

12/ See remarks in section 4.3.2.9.fn 5.

13/ The term 'anti-causative' I borrow from Masica 1971, chapter 2. The relation between kar 'do; make' and kiy@ jaa 'be done; be made' and ho 'be(come)' is discussed by Pray 1970, p 181, and by Van Olphen 1970, pp 60-1.

occur in the progressive in a slightly different form.¹⁴ What makes the pattern of j (and to the extent speakers find it acceptable, of k) unusual is that it is in violation of the "consecutive root constraint"¹⁵. The explanation for this may derive from the comparatively uncommon alternate stem form in -ne found for the main verb preceding paa:

w tum mere saamne phir aane na paaoge¹⁶ +pgb
 you shall not be allowed to come before me again

In any event other vectors may be exceptionally found in sequences violating the consecutive root constraint:

x jaise indr bhagwaan paanii uRel de rahe the is
 sthal ko Dubaane ke liye (kb 1967 450) +gp OKb
 as if god indra were pouring down water in order
 to flood this place (also see 4.4.2.fn 8, sent. b)
VII. While it is true that sak-sequences sometimes

do not have the perfective meaning proper to compound verbs, this is not true of paa-sequences:

^{14/} Namely with -e (or -y@) affixed to the stem of the main verb. See 4.3.2.10 below.

^{15/} Which says essentially that two or more bare verb stems may not appear in succession. See 4.3.2.9.

^{16/} Quoted from Hooper 1917, pp 165-6. Barker 1967 notes the pattern of w for modern Urdu: vol I, pp 394-5. Although the regime of w would allow paa-sequences in the progressive to observe the consecutive root constraint such sequences are not accepted:
a mAI samajhne nahII paa rahaa thaa *gb ?p
i was at a loss to understand (cf j).

y 1 2 sirf raam aa paataa thaa +gpb aa saktaa thaa +gpb
only ram was able to come (in those days)

z 1 sirf raam aa paataa thaa lekin kabhii nahII aayaa

2 *gpb aa saktaa thaa lekin... +gpb
only ram was able to come but he never did

Furthermore while sak-sequences do not imply the performance of the activity expressed by the main verb in certain tenses, this does not hold for those based on the past participle:

aa wo baRii muSkil se aa sakaa thaa lekin kabhii nahII aayaa *pgb (see sentences 1, m and z)
he had barely been able to come but never did so

However, the point is moot since not all vectors imply completion.¹⁷

VIII. If the main verb cuk 'be paid off in full' is to be in any way identified with modal cuk, then it can hardly be said to retain its own meaning in concatenation with main verbs. The point seems even more obscure with regard to sak which does not occur as a main verb at all.¹⁸ However, there is a sense in which sak does retain its own meaning in a fashion that distinguishes it from all vector verbs: it may by option and in certain tenses only occur in a clause separate from that of its

17/ See discussion in section 4.1.

18/ If 'main verb' is defined as an item able to be followed by a vector, then sak certainly is not one.

main verb:

- ab 1 is laRaaii mE bahut log maare jaa sakte hAI +giptb
 2 ho saktaa hai ki is laRaaii mE bahut log
maare jaaE =giptb

many people may be killed in this war

This is not true of sak in those tenses where it expresses completion:

- ac 1 is laRaaii mE baRii muSkil se bahut log
maare jaa sake hAI +gb ?p
 2 ho sakaa hai ki is laRaaii mE baRii muSkil se
 bahut log maare jaate *pgb

with great difficulty many people have been able
 to be killed in this war

Thus we may conclude that the meaning of sak (but not of paa) varies with tense. In the indicative tenses formed on -t@ (as in sentence 1) as well as the future and possibly others, sak occurs as stative verb expressing the ability in one form or another of its agent to perform some activity. In tenses formed on -y@, both occur as non-stative verbs expressing the success (or more often the failure) of their agents to perform some activity.

It is as non-statives that they might conveniently be considered vector verbs (or, given their largely opposed syntactic properties, as 'anti-vector verbs'). As

such they fill important gaps in the aspectual paradigm where other vectors may not occur for different reasons but where the meaning demands explicit reference to completion:

negation: 1 2 wo nahII aa sakaa +pgb nahII aa paayaa +pgb
 he could not come¹⁷ (see 3.3.2)

exclusion: 1 2 sirf raam hii aa sakaa +pgb aa paayaa +pgb
 only ram could come (see 4.3.2.2)

difficulty: 1 wo baRii muSkil se aa sakaa +pgb
 2 aa paayaa +pgb
 with great difficulty he was able to come
 he barely managed to come (see 4.3.2.3)

jab tak: 1 2 jab tak wo aa sakaa +g Wp Ob aa paayaa +pgb
 tab tak ham wahAA se nikal gae the
 by the time he got there we'd already left
 (see section 4.2.4)

se pahle: 1 2 us ke aa sakne +pgb aa paane +pgb
 se pahle hii ham wahAA se nikal gae the
 we'd already left before he got there
 (see 4.3.4.1)

baar: 1 2 wo tiin baar aa sakaa OKg ?p aa paayaa +pg
 *b +b
 he managed to come three times (4.3.2.8)

17/ There are of course important differences in the meanings and uses of sak and paa that we are aware we obscure here by giving a single translation for both sentences. Our single intention here is to establish certain properties that both paa and sak have in common and which oppose them to the class of vectors.

3.3 The discriminating properties of the class of compound verbs

Features which distinguish a class of objects from other objects should have two properties: I. All objects within the class to be defined must possess the discriminating properties of that class in common. II. No objects outside that class should possess those properties (unless of course it is the conjunction of such properties in individual objects that defines a class).

In the preceding section we have eliminated certain items from the class of vectors (and thus restricted the class of possible compound verbs). In this section, using the criteria for criteria outlined above, we shall see if there might not be some positive criterion or combination of criteria uniting the items traditionally considered vector verbs in a single non-ad hoc category.

3.3.1 Grammaticalization

In section 3.2 all the verb-verb sequences considered had this feature in common: the verb in the vector slot was not grammaticalized. In aa leTaa (3.2.1.a2) and de bhagaayaa (3.2.2.a2), leT 'lie down' and bhagaa 'drive off' are functioning as main verbs; whereas in

leT gayaa (3.2.1.al) and bhagaa diyaa (3.2.2.al), jaa and de have lost their primary lexical meanings: 'go' and 'give'. Thus we have non-lexical occurrence as a possible criterion for the vector verb. Although the occurrence of one vector verb as opposed to another may have some tenuous relation with the differences in the meanings of their homonymous counterparts among the main verbs (for example, the well known contrast between vectors de and le), the occurrence of any given vector as opposed to its absence has no relation to such meanings. Rejecting the possibility that the occurrence of a compound verb instead of the corresponding simple verb is governed by chance, we must suppose that this alternation expresses some category more abstract than those available in Hindi-English glossaries. It is on the basis of such assumptions that the lexical emptying of de, jaa, etc. has been called 'grammaticalization'.¹ Leaving aside for a moment the question of whether the category expressed by the compound::simple alternation is in fact a grammatical one and if so how it may be characterized,² let us as heuristic strategy adopt the concept of grammaticalization and see whether and to what degree it dis-

non-lexical
occurrence of
the verb in
vector slot

1/ The term has been used by Pořizka in his discussion of vector jaa. See Pořizka 1967, pp 71-2 and 79; Pořizka 1968, pp 239-51 passim.

2/ Pořizka (1967, 1968, 1969) of course has his own answers to these questions which we discuss below: 4.2.

criminate a class at all similar to those proposed for the vector verb by the numerous writers on the subject. A compound verb then is a sequence of verb stem plus verb stem plus desinence in which one stem (usually the second) cannot be derived from its own separate clause or s(NP X v(____)v)s structure, yet which is homonymous with an item that can.

Clearly such a criterion includes too much in the category vector verb. In

a raam ke hOTh suukh rahe the +pgb
ram's lips were parching

the stem rah functions as a grammatical particle expressing the progressive aspect³. It does not occur here in its primary meaning of 'stay' or 'live' or 'remain', nor can it be derived from its own clause⁴.

However if the formal definition of compound verb is loosened sufficiently to include sequences like:

b₁ strii kii sthiti samaaj kii nIIw ko khokhlaa
kiye de rahii hai (kb64 appendix II 22) +pgb
the position of woman is undermining the foundation of society

3/ Porizka 1967, argues that this particular sequence can be read as a vector sequence with a meaning similar to that of

a raam ke hOTh suukh gae the (p 213)
ram's lips had become parched

4/ Except by those grammarians who derive every overt morpheme (and a number of others) from its own clause.

५४ १११ २१११ २१११
 ५४ १११ २१११ २१११
 ५४ १११ २१११ २१११
 ५४ १११ २१११ २१११

५४ १११ २१११ २१११

that is if we include among compound verbs those sequences which correspond to sequences like:

b 2 strii kii sthiti samaaj kii nIIw ko khokhlāa
kar degii +pgb

the position of women will undermine the foundation of society

in the same way that

b 3 strii kii sthiti samaaj kii nIIw ko khokhlāa
kar rahii hai +pgb

(see b1 for gloss)

corresponds to

b 4 strii kii sthiti samaaj kii nIIw ko khokhlāa
karegii +pb *g (see b2 for gloss)

then this particular case of over-inclusion will be eliminated since our definition of compound verb allows only one grammaticalized element to precede the desinence:⁵ If the rahii of b3 is 'the same' as the rahii of b1, it, too, will have to be considered non-vector.

Although we present evidence elsewhere⁶ to show that b1 is related to b3 as b2 is related to b4 (and is thus a compound verb in the progressive 'tense'), we turn here to a more direct manner of excluding progressive rah.

5/ Inclusion of le jaa then will depend on showing that it is in actuality a single stem. See section 3.6.13.

6/ Section 4.3.2.10.

3.3.2 Sensitivity to negation

It is well known¹ that the alternation simple:: compound verb is differentiated by the contrast in the indicative mood of positive versus negative statements. Compound verbs are rare in negative statements. The exceptions can be without too much uncertainty catalogued and accounted for.² For simple indicative statements the single important class of exceptions are those implying the denial of some preceding (or presupposed) statement framed with a compound verb. Thus Hori's statement:

a murauwat murauwat kii tarah kii jaatii hai, apnaa
 ghar uThaa kar nahII de diyaa jaataa (g 26) +pgb
 there are limits to a favor, you don't simply
 pick up your house and turn it over to someone
 implies that he believes (or pretends to believe) something like the following to be running through his wife's mind or to be implied by her actions:

b ghar uThaa kar de diyaa jaae +pgb
 let's hand our house over to him

Asking speakers to exclude this type of denial, we have had them compare the acceptability of a negated

1/ For a collection of references to the views of various writers on this point, the reader should turn to section 4.3.2.1.

2/ Such an account is to be found in section 4.3.2.1, sub-sections 1 through 6.

compound verb with that of the corresponding negated simple verb. This was done with compound verbs containing in the second slot one or another of each of the items found in section 3.1.1 providing that I. the item is not exhaustively accounted for in section 3.2; and II. the item is not known to occur with so few main verbs that an account of it may be made simply by listing.³ For the positive sentences corresponding to the negatives given here the reader is referred to the second member of the sentence sets in section 4.2.1.

- c 1 gehUU pak aae +gbp the wheat is nearly ripe
2 3 gehUU nahII pak aae *gbp Cg nahII pake +gbp
the wheat is not done with ripening
d 1 Sokgrast aurat apne kapRe nahII phaaR uThii *gbp⁴
2 Sokgrast aurat ne apne kapRe nahII phaaRe +gbp
the grief-stricken woman did not tear at her
clothes
e ek aadmii ko apnii taraf aataa huaa dekh kar bhii
1 xargoS nahII bhaag khaRaa huaa *gb Wp Cg
2 3 bhaag nahII khaRaa huaa *gb OKp nahII bhaagaa +gbp
+b
even though he saw a man coming in his direction
the rabbit did not run away
f 1 wo apnii gharwaalii ko bhii nahII maar calaa *gbp⁵
2 us ne apnii gharwaalii ko bhii nahII maaraa +gbp

- f he hasn't (begun to) hit his wife, too
- g 1 riitaa gaay kaa goSt nahII khaa cukii *gpb Cg ⁶
 2 riitaa ne gaay kaa goSt nahII khaayaa +gpb
 rita has not eaten beef
- h 1 us ne apne pati ko Saraabii nahII banaa choRaa
 2 *gpb Cg nahII banaayaa *gpb
 she did not make a drunkard out of her husband
- i 1 raam fenii nahII pii gayaa *gpb Cg ⁷
 2 raam ne fenii nahII pii +gpb
 ram did not drink feni (cashew wine)
- j 1 raadhaa ne Syaam kii ciTThii nahII paRh Daalii
 2 *gpb Cg nahII paRhii +gpb
 radha ^{did not} read shyam's letter
- k 1 mAI ne us ko paise nahII de diye *gpb Cg
 2 nahII diye +gpb
 i did not give him the money
- l 1 bhuut dekh kar bhii wo nahII cillaa dii⁸ *gpb Cg
 2 nahII cillaaii +gpb
 even when she saw the ghost she did not scream
- m 1 pahlwaan ne apne pratidwandwii ko nahII dabaa
 2 dharaa *gb Cg OKp nahII dabaayaa +gpb
 the wrestler did not floor his opponent
- n 1 mere nae juute nahII carmaraa nikle *gpb

6/ Compare 3.2.6.01.

7/ Compare 3.2.6.02.

8/ Considering it possible that de with intransitive main verbs may differ in its properties...

- n 2 mere nae juute nahII carmaraae +gpb
my new shoes did not squeak
- o 1 raam ne gaNit kaa praSn nahII suljhaa nikaalaa
2 *gb ?p Cg nahII suljhaayaa +gpb
ram did not solve the math problem
- p Daakuu kaa cuTkulaa sun kar bhii mAI
- 1 2 nahII hAs paRaa *gpb Cg nahII hAsaa +gpb
even though i heard the dacoit's joke i did not
laugh
- q 1 pulis ko dekh kar bhii wo nahII uTh baiThii *gb
2 nahII uThii +gpb Wp
even though she saw the police she didn't get up
- r 1 haraamxor saalan nahII khaa maraa *gpb Cg
2 haraamxor ne saalan nahII khaayaa +gpb
the bastard didn't eat the curry
- s itnii kartuutE karne par bhii baap ne use ghar se
- 1 2 nahII bhagaa maaraa *gpb nahII bhagaayaa +gpb
even after committing so many misdeeds his father
didn't kick him out
- t 1 mAI ne upaay nahII soc rakhaa thaa *gpb Cg
2 nahII socaa thaa +gpb
i had not thought of a way out
- u 1 wo palang par nahII so rahii *gpb Cg
2 nahII soii +gpb
she did not go to sleep on the bed

- v kyaa us ne sabhii khaanaa khaa liyaa? nahII,
 1 sab to nahII khaa liyaa *ptb Wg
 2 nahII khaayaa +ptgb
 did he eat up all his dinner? no, not all of it
 w apne pati ke dehaant kii xabar sun kar bhii wo
 1 2 nahII ro lii⁹ *gpb Cg nahII roii +gpb
 even hearing the news of her husband's demise
 she did not weep
 x 1 wo saarii mahfil nahII rijhaa le gaili *gpb Cgp
 2 us ne saarii mahfil nahII rijhaaii +gpb
 she did not charm all her audience

In all some twenty items are grouped together by this test:

<u>aa</u>	<u>choR</u>	<u>nikal</u>	<u>maar</u>
<u>uTh</u>	<u>jaa</u>	<u>nikaal</u>	<u>rakh</u>
<u>khaR@ ho</u>	<u>Daal</u>	<u>paR</u>	<u>rah</u>
<u>cal</u>	<u>de</u>	<u>baiTh</u>	<u>le</u>
<u>cuk</u>	<u>dhar</u>	<u>mar</u>	<u>le jaa</u>

The items which this test excludes are of course paa and sak¹⁰ and sequences containing progressive rah:

- y 1 wo palang par so rahii hai +gpb
 2 nahII so rahii (hai) +gpb
 1 (2) she is (not) sleeping on the bed (cf gloss to u)

9/ See footnote 8 above.

10/ See sentences 3.2.6.e1 and 3.2.6.e2.

However, the negative test does not exclude the verb-verb sequences described in section 3.2.1:¹¹

- z jo pahle yah kaam karte the we agar choR jaate
to meraa nambar thaa lekin we
- 1 2 choR nahII gae *gpb choR kar nahII gae +gpb
if the people who had been filling these jobs
previously had left them (and gone) then i would
have been next in line but they didn't leave them
- aa 1 raam sTeSan se saamaan nahII le aayaa *gpb Cg
2 nahII laayaa +gpb
3 le kar nahII aayaa¹² +pb Dg
ram didn't bring the luggage from the station
- (ab raam sTeSan se saamaan le aayaa +gpb
ram brought the luggage from the station)

Therefore, we must conclude that although the negative test (together with the formal restriction) is necessary to define the set of compound verbs in a direct way,¹³ it is not sufficient. We still need the criterion of grammaticalization.

11/ This is one of a number of occasions we shall have to remark on the similarity of the syntactic behavior of conjunct sequences and compound verbs. *important*

12/ le aa is unique in its being simultaneously definable as a compound verb (corresponding to which is the simple verb laa) and as a conjunct sequence from which kar has been deleted by Rule 17. (See section 3.2.1)

13/ It may be dispensed with altogether if we follow the procedure to exclude progressive rah outlined in the preceding section (3.3.1). However, section 3.4 introduces problems that require the negative test.

3.4 Allotactic sequences

While it is well known that strictly formal criteria are not sufficient to determine the class of compound verbs, only one or two writers have suggested that they may even be unnecessary.¹ Just as there exist homotactic sequences or verb-verb sequences formally congruent to compound verbs that we must keep distinct from them, so there exist allotactic or structurally divergent sequences that on the basis of other distinctive properties of compound verbs we may wish to include with them.

3.4.1 Opaque conjunct sequences

Certain verb sequences appear to belong with those described in section 3.2.1 on the basis of form:

a 1 mAI tumhaarii bajaa kar rakh dUUgaa +gpb

i'll knock your block off

Yet their source is quite different. They cannot be derived by Rule GT 4 from conjunctions of main verbs:

a 2 mAI tumhaarii bajaaUUgaa aur rakh dUUgaa *gpb

1/ Jelovkov 1963 and Van Olphen 1970. Jelovkov notes the equivalence of lauT aa and lauT kar aa 'return'; p 92. (he considers these to be vector sequences: složnye glagoly. We class them with the factor sequences: see section 3.2.5.). On Van Olphen see 3.4.1.fn 1.

On the basis of non-equivalences like these it has been suggested that (kar) rakh de be included among the vector verbs.¹

Verb sequences like that of a1 differ in yet other ways from their homotags as defined by Rule GT 4:
I. In conjunct sequences with undeleted kar the second main verb may occur with any of the vector verbs that may accompany it when alone in its own clause:

b 1 us ne ciTThii likhii aur rakh dii +bjpg
2 likh kar rakh dii =bjpg
he wrote a letter and put it down

c 1 us ne ciTThii likhii aur rakh lii +pgb
2 likh kar rakh lii =pgb
he wrote a letter and put it aside (for himself)

Sequences like that of a1 are frozen in this respect:

a 3 mAI tumhaarii bajaa kar rakh lUUgaa *bjpg

II. Vector sequences in (kar) rakh de are sensitive to negation while homotactic sequences are not:

d 1 apnii dilcasp baat0 se us ne sab ko hAsaayaa aur
2 rakh diyaa *pgb hAsaa kar rakh diyaa +bjpg
with his delightful talk he had everybody in
stitches²

1/ Van Olphen was the first to notice the inequivalence of kucal kar rakh diyaa 'ground to bits' and kuclaa aur rakh diyaa 'trampled and set down' and on the basis of this to propose rakh de as a vector: pp 172-4.

2/ A new sentence set must be introduced here since any negative corresponding to a1 is semantically strange.

e apni dilcasp baat0 se us ne sab ko

1 2 hAsaa kar nahII rakhaa *gpb nahII hAsaayaa +gpb
he didn't make everybody laugh with his amusing
talk

f us ne ciTThii likh kar nahII rakhii +pgb
he didn't write (and leave) a letter (for us)

we may derive a sentence b3 synonymous with b1-2 but identical in form to sentence a1.)

In order to account for opaque conjunct sequences like that of a2, we propose a Rule 71 'kar-Insertion' which effects a change which is the mirror image of that effected by Rule 17 'kar-Deletion'.

R 71: $X + V_1 + V_2 + \text{desinence}^1$ is replaced by

$x + V_1 + \underline{\text{kar}} + V_2 + \text{least marked vector} + \text{desi-}$
 nence

To our knowledge among the vectors only choR permits the application of this rule to sequences in which it takes part. Sequences with vector (kar) rakh de in them are not felt by speakers to be equivalent to the corresponding sequences in rakh:

c sikandar ne apni bahaadri se duSman ko

1 hilaa kar rakh diyaa thaa +gpb (=an action: gb)

2 hilaa rakhaa thaa *p Dgb (=a state: gb)

alexander made the enemy tremble with his valor

There are tense restrictions on rakh-sequences which do not apply to (kar) rakh de-sequences:

d 1 mAI ne us kii pol khol kar rakh dii thii +gpb

2 khol rakhii thii Dgp (pahle se)
Db

(1) 2 i had (completely) exposed him (d2: + foresight)

1/ The rule of kar-Insertion as stated here is more a rule expressing equivalence relations than a rule usable in deriving surface structures from remote.

e 1 mAI us kii pol khol kar rakh dUUGaa +pgb

2 khol rakhUUGaa *p Dgb (pahle se)

(1) 2 i'll expose him (completely)² (beforehand: +gb)

When asked to replace (kar) rakh de-sequences with some other compound verb, speakers usually choose one in de:

f 1 mAI tumhaarii bajaa kar rakh dUUGaa +gpb

2 bajaa dUUGaa =gpb (less emphatic: gp)

i'll knock your block off

For these reasons we count (kar) rakh de as a separate vector verb. Since it is not yet clear whether each and every (kar) choR de-sequence is relatable to some choR-sequence by Rule 71 or vice versa, we provisionally assign (kar) choR de to the class of vectors as also an individual member.

The remainder of the verb sequences whose derivation appears to require a rule of kar-Insertion contain either factor verbs³ or main verbs permuted to the V₂ position by successive applications of Rule 17 and Rule 18.⁴ The Rule of kar-Insertion fits Harris's concept of 'inverse operation'.⁵

2/ 'completely' is often given by informants to render the connotation expressed by vector (kar) rakh de.

3/ See section 3.2.5, footnote 2 and sentence set a3-4.

4/ See section 3.2.3, footnote 2 and sentence set a0-4.

5/ See Harris 1968, pp 95-99. In Harrisian terms the kar of sentence a2 is not the trace of Rule GT 4 but of Rule 17 analogic to Rule 17 - Rule GT 4.

3.4.3 Other allotactic sequences

By dropping as we have the requirement that what are to be defined as compound verbs adhere to certain formal restrictions, we are left with grammaticalization and sensitivity to negation as the two criteria on the basis of which we define the class of compound verbs. As a result it becomes necessary to consider a number of other verb-verb sequences.

I. Compound verbs with intervening -e as in

- a mAI botal khole detaa hUU +pgb
 i'll open the bottle (right now)

or with intervening -@ as in

- b diiwaal girii jaatii hai +pb *g¹
 the wall is about to fall down

must be reckoned as such on the basis of grammaticalization and their sensitivity to negation:

- c 1 mAI botal nahII khole detaa (hUU) *pgb
 2 nahII kholUUgaa +pgb
 i won't open the bottle
- d 1 diiwaal nahII girii jaatii (hai) *bgp
 2 nahII giregii +pgb
 the wall will not fall down

1/ Speaker g finds paR to be the preferable vector with gir used in its intransitive sense (as here):

a diiwaal girii paRtii hai +g
 Speaker g accepts vector jaa with gir only when gir is being used as an anticausative: see 4.3.3.1.fn 8.

The relation of sequences like those of a and b to the compound verb system as a whole is discussed elsewhere.²

II. A very few verb-verb sequences where the main verb stem is augmented by -t@ as in

e yahAA se calte bano +bpg

get out of here!

f raam kaa sankoc jaataa rahaa +dtpgb

ram's ill-ease departed him

g nek log is duniyaa se jaate rahe (cu 1.431) +pgb

virtuous people have disappeared from this world

are to be considered compound verbs:

h 1 yahAA se calte mat bano *gb +p Cg

2 yahAA se mat calo +pg *b³ do not leave here!

i 1 raam kaa sankoc nahII jaataa rahaa *pgb Cg

2 nahII gayaa +pgb

ram's ill-ease did not leave him

j 1 nek log is duniyaa se nahII jaate rahe *gb +p Cg

2 nahII gae +pgb

virtuous people have not disappeared from this world

The rah of the sequences in f and g is to be distinguished from that of

k maal is bandar se jaataa rahaa +pgb

the goods kept being dispatched from this port

which forms phasal expressions and is also sensitive to

2/ See section 4.3.3.1. 3/ yahAA se mat jaao +bpg

negation:⁴

1 yuddh kii wajah se maal is bandar se nahII jaa-
taa rahaa *pgb

because of the war the goods did not continue
to be dispatched from this port

III. On the basis of grammaticalization and sensi-
tivity to negation verb-verb sequences in lag (which has
a homophonous correspondent among the main verbs: lag
'be attached, be engaged; appear') ought to be consi-
dered compound verbs:

m 1 paanii barasne lagaa +gpb

it began to rain

n 1 2 paanii nahII barasne lagaa *pgb nahII barsaa +pg
+b

(3 barasnaa Suruu nahII huua +gpb)

it did not (begin to) rain

However, since lag itself may be described as a main
verb exhibiting simple:compound manifestation, we may
exclude it:⁵

o aaxirkaar paanii barasne lag gayaa +pb *g

p 1 2 acaanak paanii barasne lag uThaa +b *g lag paRaa +bp
PJp *g

o//p it /finally//suddenly/ began to rain

4/ -t@ rah as phasal is dealt with in 4.2.3, sets ag, ah.

5/ It will be recalled that rakh de as vector is a frozen
form which alternates neither with rakh nor with rakh
le, rakh Daal, etc. Although it may turn out that vec-
tor choR de alternates with choR, it is clear that it
does not do so under the conditions (negation:affirma-
tion, etc.) that are usually associated with the al-
ternation of simple and compound verbs. See 3.4.2.

IV. We know of one other proposal for identifying yet another class of verb sequences as allotags of vector verb sequences: Dwarikesh (1971) proposes three-verb compound verbs⁶ on the basis of

- g "us ko pulis pakaR le gaii
the police arrested (i. e., having arrested him)
and took him to the police station"

However, as we show elsewhere⁷ le jaa 'take away' is in modern Hindi a unit stem, and as such cannot be adduced to demonstrate the need for a category of three-verb compounds. In any case, the sequence in o is clearly an example of a conjunct sequence.⁸

V. There is one group of verb-verb sequences remaining which on the basis of the criteria we have developed so far ought to be classed with compound verbs:

- r mAI khaanaa khaae hue thaa +gpb
i had already eaten

The use of ho in p has no transparent relation to the meaning of the homophonous main verb ho 'become'. Furthermore, such sequences are sensitive to negation:

6/ Pp 271-3 and further at p 277.

7/ See fn 6 in section 3.5 and sentence g in section 4.4.2 Dwarikesh himself remarks on the singularity from the point of view of form of the sequence le jaa le jaa kar in his sentence 38, pp 70-1.

8/ His criteria for distinguishing the class of conjunct sequences are essentially circular. See Dwarikesh 1971, p 270, lines 16-8; p 271, top; and pp 108-12.

s 1 mAI khaanaa nahII khaae hue thaa *b Wg +p

2 mAI ne khaanaa nahII khaayaa thaa +gpb

i had not eaten

The correct characterization of such sequences with respect to the category compound verb depends on the determination of the semantic functions of the latter.⁹

3.5 Idiomatic vector sequences

Among the verb-verb sequences exemplified in section 3.1.1 are a few in which neither element can be accounted for by having recourse to any transformational relation. The vectors in these, however, are privileged to co-occur with such a small number of main verbs that their treatment in a grammar is best effected by simply listing them in a lexicon. We call the expressions that are formed with such vectors 'idiomatic vector sequences':

a 1 yadi awlokan aage baRhaa to kaaT khaaUUgaa +ptgb

2 kaaT kar khaa lUUgaa Dpgb =t

3 khaa kaaTUUgaa *ptgb

if avalokan comes forward i'll tear him to pieces +tb

if avalokan comes forward i'll bite him +pg *b

⁹/ See section 4.2.3, sentence af, for the exclusion of the sequence in r and sl.

Idiomatic sequences like ordinary vector sequences, conjunct sequences and factor sequences are typically positive. However, whereas these others have negative correspondents, idiomatic sequences are often too highly colored or semantically specific to be useful in any form in negative statements:¹

b yadyapi awlokan aage baRhaa phir bhii

1 nahII kaaT khaaUUgaa *at Wg Cp +b

2 nahII khaaUUgaa *pat Dgb

3 nahII kaaTUUgaa *patg Db

4 kaaTUUgaa nahII +gb² OKp

c kuch nahII karUUgaa +tgpb (best negative: +tgpb)

b/c even if avalokan does come forward i won't / tear him to pieces // bite him // do anything to him /
One can sometimes make out the remains of a conjunct sequence in idiomatic expressions of this sort:³

d 1 wo bhaaai ko dukaan se nae kapRe liwaa laayaa +bp
he took his brother to the store and bought him
new clothes

1/ Just as in English idiomatic phrases like 'beat to a pulp', 'fresh as a daisy', 'drop dead', etc. are rather odd, to say the least, when negated, put into questions, qualified by 'a little' or 'a lot' and so on. Certain others may occur as idioms only when negated:

a come here, we're not going to bite you!

2/ The order verb + negative of b4 is significantly one that is associated in Hindi with affectual statements.

3/ Note speaker t's reaction to sentence a2 above.

In d1 the causing (someone) to get (=liwaa) new clothes is obviously prior in time to bringing (=laa) him (or the clothes) back. However, this relation to a conjunct sequence is for some speakers a relic, not a living relation of equivalence that can be transformationally expressed:

d 2 wo bhaai ko dukaan se nae kapRe liwaa kar le
 aayaa *b =p⁴

The idiomatic character of 'minor vectors' like laa in bajaa laa 'carry out, obey' is sometimes a reflection of idiosyncrasy in their etymologies. In

e ham raajaa kaa hukm bajaa laae +gb Oa *p
 we carried out the king's order

the expression bajaa laa is a calque on the Persian expression bajaa aawardaan, literally, 'bring/make come true' where bajaa means 'right' or 'true' and aawardaan means 'bring' or 'cause to come'. In Hindi the loanword bazaa/bajaa has been reinterpreted as the stem of a verb bajaanaa 'to perform' (homophonous with bajaanaa 'to ring') on the basis liwaa laa:liwaa::bajaa laa:bajaa.

4/ It will be noticed that the status of an individual sequence may vary from speaker to speaker. Some find it relatable to other sequences in a perfectly regular way; some find it isolated from them; some do not recognize its existence. Such variety is to be expected when one looks at the fine grain of language. The categories that these grains compose, however, are general: if they do not exist for a given speaker on the basis of one sequence they will be found to on the basis of another. See speaker p's reaction to al-2. (al may also be read as a relic of a conjunct sequence)

This new stem bajaa now functions as the simple counterpart of the compound verb bajaa laa:

- f 1 ham ne raajaa kaa hukm nahII bajaayaa +pg Ob
 2 ham raajaa kaa hukm nahII bajaa laae *pgb Cg
 we didn't carry out the king's order

Among idiomatic sequences must be counted a set of expressions roughly synonymous and all containing le as the 'main' or anterior element:

- g 1 wo apnii harkatO se use le Duubegaa +bptg
 h 1 le biitegaa +bp *tg
 i 1 le baiThegaa +btg *p
 j 1 le maregaa +bptg

his wicked acts will prove to be the ruination
 of them both

le in these expressions seems to be functioning as a postposition with a meaning somewhat like 'along with'. Of course this function of le is well known in a much more widely used set of expressions: le aa 'come along with' (= 'bring') and le jaa, le cal 'go along with' (= 'take away'). But it is equally well-known that these expressions alternate with conjunctive sequences in kar and that their meanings are compatible with an interpretation of le as a conjunctive participle in its primary meaning 'take':

- k 1 2 wo saamaan le aayaa +bptg le kar aa gayaa =bpt
 having taken the luggage he came

l	1	2	wo	saamaan	<u>le gayaa</u>	+bptg	<u>le kar calaa gayaa</u>	=pt
								=b
m	1	2			<u>le calaa</u>	+ptg ⁵	<u>le kar calaa gayaa</u>	=pt
						+b		=b

having taken the luggage he went

However this equivalence relation does not hold for the items in g, h, i and j:⁶

g 2 wo apnii harkatO se use le kar Duub jaaegaa *ptgb
h 2 le kar biit jaaegaa *ptgb
i 2 le kar baiTh jaaegaa *ptg
j 2 le kar mar jaaegaa *ptgb
 *b

having taken her with his wicked acts he will /
drown // pass on // sit down // die /

Thus the sequences in g1 through j1 must be counted as idiomatic.

There is another type of idiomatic sequence in which the vector is a common and productive one but with a particular main verb forms an expression whose meaning is either markedly different or more specific than that of the main verb alone. maar, for instance, includes among its many meanings that of 'strike' and 'kill'. In vector sequences with Daal, however, its meaning be-

5/ Speaker g finds klm2 differ from klm1 with respect to the expression of the completion of activity. See 4.2.

6/ Nor does it hold for le jaa in every case:
a socaa ki ek rupyaa caar aanaa xarc kar ke kisii
1 anjaan jagah par le jaayaa jaanaa +ptgb
2 le kar jaayaa jaanaa *ptgb
3 le kar calaa jaayaa jaanaa *ptgb
apne mE buraa anubhaw nahII hai (act 77)
i thought that to be taken to some unknown spot
for only Rs 1.25 wouldn't be bad in itself

comes restricted to that of kill:

n aSok ne apne beTe ko maaraa +gpb

ashok beat his son: +gpb

ashok killed his son: +gpb

o aSok ne apne beTe ko maar Daalaa +gpb

ashok killed his son: +gpb

ashok beat his son: *gb +p

Idiomatic vector sequences of this type in the speech of some speakers cast what we might call 'shadows'. That is, the specific meaning associated with certain main verb + vector combinations renders their occurrence in the general meaning less likely. For example, jaR 'inlay', lagaa 'connect' and maar 'strike' are all three used with tamaacaa 'blow' in the sense of 'deliver':

p ham baat kar rahe the aur isii biic mE aSok ne

1 us ke tiin tamaace jaR diye +pgb

2 lagaa diye +pgb

3 maar diye +pgb

we were talking and while we were talking ashok punches him in the face three times!

Because of the idiomatic use of maar Daal, these three nearly synonymous expressions react differentially to co-occurrence with vector Daal:

q ham baat kar rahe the aur isii biic mE aSok ne

- 1 us ke phaTaaphaT tiin tamaace jaR Daale +pgb
 2 lagaa Daale +pgb
 3 maar Daale *gb +p

we were talking and while we're talking ashok
 punches him wham wham wham three times in the
 face!⁷

3.6 The class of major vector verbs in Hindi

Although our investigation of the syntactic relations informing and distinguishing the various types of verb-verb sequences in Hindi ultimately leads to (and depends upon) an examination of the functions of compound verbs as expressions of grammatical and semantic categories, it will be useful to assume that examination and present here a list of the major vector verbs in Hindi. These as determined on the criteria of I. grammaticalization, II. sensitivity to negation, and III. generality (the item occurs with more than five different main verbs) include the following twenty-four items: aa, uTh, khaR@ ho, cal, cuk, choR, choR de,¹ jaa, Daal, de, dhar, nikal, nikaal, paR, paa,² baiTh, mar, maar, rakh, rakh

^{7/} For further remarks on idiomatic vector sequences see Van Olphen (1970)'s remarks on 'conventional compound verbs', pp 170-1.

^{1/} Occurring with main verbs followed by kar. See 3.4.2.

^{2/} Better termed an 'anti-vector'. See section 3.2.6.

de,³ rah, le, le jaa, sak.²

Since some of these items are typical of extremely informal or uneducated or dialectal speech or are simply of rare occurrence, the reader may never have encountered them in written Hindi. In the pages which follow, we furnish examples of⁴ and remarks about the connotations and the social and geographical distribution of those vectors which are less well-established in the grammatical literature of Hindi.⁵

3.6.1 Unusual vector verbs: khaR@ ho 'stand up'

- a pistaul kii aawaaz sunte hii wo dauR khaRaa huaa
 +bjg ?p
 as soon as he heard the pistol shot he took off
- b ched ho jaane kii wajah se naaw dekhte dekhte
 Duub khaRii huii +b *jpg
 with a hole in it the boat sank out of sight
- c right before our eyes
- d tiilii lagte hii naaylaan kii saaRii jal khaRii
 hogii +jb Og *p

3/ Occurs after main verb stem plus kar. See 3.4.1.

4/ Most of the examples in 3.6.1-13 were given to me by Mr. Bharat Mohan Kukreti of Dehra Dun (speaker 'b').

5/ For remarks on the more common vector verbs, see especially Hacker 1958 and Van Olphen 1970, pp 148-79. Bahl 1964 and Bahl 1967 provide copious examples.

- c just strike a match to it and a nylon sari will
burn up in a flash
- d mere manaa karne par bhii wo saaraa saamaan
mere yahAA rakh khaRaa huaa +b ?p *jg
even after i tell him not to he blithely leaves
his stuff at my place!
- e paTaaxO kii aawaaz se wo hamE jagaa khaRaa huaa
+b *jpg
he woke us up with firecrackers (and left)
- f mAI bekaar mE hii xaraab duudh mE baadaam Daal
khaRaa huaa +b Vp *g
i had to go and put the almonds in (what turned
out to be) bad milk
- g biic baazaar mE do logO ko maar khaRaa huaa +bg
?p *j
in the middle of the bazaar he slugged two guys
(and took off: +bp *g)
- h wo aksar logO se bebaat ke laR khaRaa hotaa hai
+bg ?p
he often gets into fights with people for no good
reason

khaR@ ho always implies suddenness. It often im-
plies the disappearance of the agent either via (abc) or
(for speaker b at least) after (deg) the performance of the
action expressed by the main verb. Like vector baiTh it

connotes the speaker's regret or consternation concerning the occurrence of an event or action. (However, the more common or 'literary' sequences with main verbs bhaag, dauR, nikal, cal, uTh seem to be exceptions to this.) It is worth noting that among the non-literary sequences khaR@ ho with verbs of fighting (gh) is acceptable to a larger circle of speakers. Beskrovnyj 1964¹ has found a sequence of this type:

- i koi duusraa laRkaa itnii maar khaa kar bigaR
 khaRaa hotaa...magar becaaraa pacaasO juute khaa
 kar bhii kuch na bolaa (godaan 265?) +gpb
 another fellow after being beaten so much as this
 would have lost his temper...but the poor guy
 took the pummeling of dozens of shoes without
 saying a word (cited in Beskrovnyj 1964, p 59)

These three (ghi) are reminiscent of the English

- j he up and hit him

Use of khaR@ ho as vector appears to be typical of village speech. Speakers influenced by Panjabi sometimes substitute a root khaR 'stand up':

- k 1 kutte kii aawaaz sunte hii baccaa ro khaRegaa +j
 *bpg
 as soon as he hears the dog the child will burst
 into tears

1/ As Beskrovnyj notes, credit for first identifying khaR@ ho as a vector verb goes to Davidova 1958, p 229.

For other speakers there is a restriction on the tenses in which khaR@ ho-sequences may occur:

- k kutte kii aawaaz sunte hii baccaa
- 2 3 ro khaRaa huaa +gpb ro khaRaa hogaa *g OKp +b
as soon as he / heard // hears./ the dog the
child / burst // will burst / into tears

3.6.2 Unusual vector verbs: choR 'leave behind'

- a tum ne us mE kyaa paa choRaa jo us ke piiche
lage rahte ho +b PJ?p *?g
what do you see in him that you should always
be hanging around him?
- b kyaa tum ne bol choRaa hai ki wo yahAA aaTh baje
awaSy pahUc jaae +b Opg
did you tell him that he must be here by eight?
- c bekaar hii mE tum ne use baRaa aadmii maan cho-
Raa hai +b Og *p us ke kaary niic aad-
miyO jaise hAI
you were wrong to consider him a great man, he
does low things
- d mAI ne is kitaab kii sab guuRh baatE samajh
choRII +bg *p
i have figured out all the deep things in this
book (sarcasm: +g)

e mAI ne bastii ke saare logO ko sudhaar choRne
 kii kasam khaaai hai +bg *p
 i have sworn to improve the lot of everyone in
 the bustee

f mele mE us ne pars kho choRaa +bp *Sg
 she lost her purse at the fair

The connotation seems often to be one of pejoration (abcdf). The sequence in f is of central importance in an attempt to account for the proliferation of compounding with a given vector: kho choR is an example of 'sub-synonymy' where choR as a main verb is close to or includes among its meanings that of kho 'lose'. Other examples of such 'semantic support':¹

g mAI ne khaane kaa intazaam us par sAUp choRaa
 thaa +bp OKg

i left the meal arrangements up to him to make

h tum ne jue mE itne paise kyO haar choRe jo ab
 mujh se bhiikh mAagne aae ho +b *pg
 why did you lose so much at gambling that now
 you come begging to me

Speaker p feels that except in a few cases the use of choR as vector verb is due to the linguistic interference of Panjabi. Speaker g feels it to be typical of colonial Hindi (saahabii hindii).

1/ For more on this see sections 3.6.6 and 3.6.7.

3.6.3 Unusual vector verbs: choR de 'leave behind'

- a 1 mAI ne is kitaab kii sab guuRh baatE samajh kar
choR dII +g Kp *b (see 3.6.2.d)
 i have figured out all the deep things in this
 book (sarcasm: +g)
- b 1 sikandar ne apnii bahaadrii se duSman ko mazaa
cakhaa kar choR diyaa +g Kp *b
 with his valor alexander taught the enemy a good
 lesson
- c 1 tum ne in baccO ko rulaa kar choR diyaa, ab XuS
 ho +gpb
 you've left these children in tears, are you sa-
 tisfied?
- d 1 mAI ne is maamle ko suljhaa kar choR diyaa +gb Kp
 i have managed to straighten out this affair
- e 1 tum ne us kii puurii zaaydaad miTaa kar choR dii
 +gp *b
 you've run through his entire inheritance
- f 1 jab tak pulis pahUcii tab tak mAI ne us kii
bajaa kar choR dii +gp *b
 by the time the police got there i'd really
 worked him over
- (kar) choR de, like (kar) rakh de, seems to be es-
 pecially adapted to idiomatic expressions in the sense

of 'really' or 'completely (doing something)'. It is replaceable by the latter:

- a 2 ...sab guuRh baatE samajh kar rakh diI +g *pb
b 2 ...mazaa cakhaa kar rakh diyaa +gpb
c 2 ...bacc0 ko ruḷaa kar rakh diyaa +gpb
d 2 ...maamle ko suljhaa kar rakh diyaa +gpb
e 2 ...us kii puurii zaaydaad miTaa kar rakh dii +gpb
f 2 ...mAI ne us kii bajaa kar rakh dii +gpb

The connotation of choR de, however, seems to be markedly pejorative in comparison to that of rakh de.¹

3.6.4 Unusual vector verbs: de 'give'

de is anything but unusual as a vector verb. What follow here are remarks on uses of vector de unnoticed in linguistic literature.

Some speakers are able to use de with reflexives (those transitive verbs whose least marked compound correspondent is formed with vector le or vector jaa) in the meaning of 'show (someone else that...):

- a us ne yah tang kapRaa pahn diyaa +jg *pb
(he showed us that) he could get into this tight
piece of clothing
- b jaan ne das gilaas paanii pii diye +jg *p Pb
john showed he could drink ten glasses of water

1/ For the relation of choR de to choR see sect. 3.4.2.

c tum yah niwaalaa nigal do +jg *p Pb
 swallow that morsel for us (show us that you can
 do it)

d par piye na hotaa to ghar to pahcaan detaa +gpb
 if i weren't drunk i'd show you i can pick out
 my house (from all the others) (sm 82)

de may be used with verbs of motion if a certain
degree of vehemence is to be implied (this does not ap-
 ply to the conventional compound cal de 'set out,
 start'): ¹

e jab tak mAI wahAA pahUcaa tab tak wo apne ghar se
nikal diyaa thaa +b PJg OKp
 by the time i got there he'd come out of his
 house (to confront me)

f tum ghar mE zabardastii ghus do warnaa maar paRe-
 gii +b Delhi?: +g *p
 you push your way into the place or you'll get it!

g mujhe Dar hai kahII baaz pakSii par jhapaT na de
 +b OKp *g

i'm afraid the hawk might pounce on the bird²

Finally, for speakers influenced by pahaaRii dia-
 lects de may occur with nearly any intransitive (or re-
 flexive transitive) as simply an alternate to jaa (or

1/ For discussion of conventional compounds see 3.5.

2/ For other de-sequences of this type see 3.2.2.de.2
 and 3.2.2.de.b.2.

d even though he was told not to, he mixed stones
in with the flour

e yah saamaan yahAA kis ne rakh dharaa hai +bj Vp
who put this stuff here?

dhar 'put; throw; grab; keep' is typical of village speech. The connotations of rusticity it holds for educated speakers are strong enough to make some of them nervous.¹

3.6.6 Unusual vector verbs: nikal 'go out; come out; turn out'

a haize kii bimaarii se raam bac niklaa +bag ?p
ram survived a bout with cholera

b 1 naii pustak chap niklii +bp OKg
a new book came out

c 1 baat-ciit mE aur bhii kii prasang chiR nikle
+bp *g
a number of other subjects came up in the course
of the conversation

d 1 aawaaraa-gardii mE us kii zindagii kaT niklii
+b Og *p (-lekin tumhaarII nahII kaTegii +t)
his life passed in idleness (but yours won't)

e 1 is ek dawaa se hii hamaare kii rog naST ho nikle
+ba ?p *g

¹/ For dhar with intransitive main verbs see 3.2.2.fn 6.

e with this single drug many of our diseases have
 been eradicated

The phenomenon of sub-synonymy¹ is of great importance
in the account of the co-occurrence of vector nikal and
main verbs:

b 2 3 naii pustak chap gaii +bpg nikal gaii +bp Og
 a new book came out

c 2 3 ...kaii prasang chiR gae +bpg nikal gae +bpg
 ...a number of subjects came up...

d 2 3 ...zindagii kaT gaii +bptg nikal gaii +bptg
 ...life passed...

e 2 3 ...kaii rog naST ho gae +bapg nikal gae +bp *ga
 ...many diseases have been eradicated

In accordance with the two semantically opposed ranges
of meaning of main verb nikal; i. e., 'come out; appear'
and 'go out; disappear', it is possible to divide the
main verbs with which sub-synonymous nikal appears in a
similar fashion: in b and c, those of appearance (chap,
chiR); and, in d and e, those of disappearance (kaT,

^{1/} See remarks on this phenomenon above in 3.6.2 and below in 3.6.7. The distinction between sub-synonymic sequences and factor verb sequences (section 3.2.5) is not very critical nor incontrovertible depending as it does only on the latter's expressing actual physical movement and the inability of the former to undergo Rule 18 ("Reversal": see section 3.2.2). Both sub-synonymic sequences and factor verb sequences may be regarded as sequences of main verb and partially grammaticalized (as opposed to fully grammaticalized vector) element.

naST ho).

Although they are not paralleled by equivalents having nikal as main verb, the vector sequences in the following appear to be supported by main verb nikal in its meaning 'turn out (to be)':²

- f raam bahut catur niklaa
 ram turned out to be very clever
- g laRkaa xaraab sangatii mE rah kar bigaR niklaa
 hai +bp *ag
 the boy has gone bad from staying in bad company
- h acchii sangatii mE rah kar laRkaa sudhar niklaa
 hai +b OKp *ag
 the boy has turned out well from keeping good
 company
- i Taal mE dewdaar kii lakRiyAA siijh niklIII +bp *ag
 the deodar lumber seasoned in its stacks
- j peR par saare aam pak nikle +bp *ag
 the mangoes ripened on the tree
- k dhone ke baad kapRaa ghaT niklaa +bp *g
 the cloth turned out to be less after being washed

For some speakers there are uses of nikal that extend far beyond what one might predict on the bases of sub-synonymy or semantic support: I. with verbs of speaking:

2/ Bahl 1967 discusses the semantics of main verb nikal: pp 330-4.

- 1 mAI Saraab ke naSe mE unhE na jaane kyaa kyaa
kah niklaa +b OKp *ag
 god knows what i said to them while i was drunk
- m hamaare badmaaS chaatr bekaar ke sawaal puuch
nikalte hAI +b *apg
 our rascally students ask useless questions³
- n mahfil mE wo na jaane kis suur mE gaa niklaa +bg
 OKp
 lord only knows what key that was he sang in at
 the mahfil

II. with verbs denoting sudden and startling appearance
 of sound or light:

- o gwaalaa raat ko baarah baje xaalii bartan khaR-
khaRaa niklaa +b *apg
 the milkman raised a clatter with his empties
 in the night
- p ain mauqe par mere nae juute carmaraa nikle +bpg
 my new shoes gave a squeak at the worst possible
 moment
- q braaso lagaa kar us kii talwaar camak niklii +bpg
 after being polished with brasso his sword spar-
 kled

3/ It is intriguing to note a number of English equivalents in which an item parallel to the Hindi vector is employed to show the manner of performance while the nature of the action itself is to be inferred:
 a god knows what i came out with while i was drunk
 b our wiseacre students come out with such useless questions

III. with verbs denoting outbursts of feeling:⁴

- r mujhe dekhte hii us kii dabii huii bhaawnaaE
 ubal niklIII +bp Og
 as soon as he saw me his repressed feelings
 boiled over
- s gaaliyAA sunte hii wo bhannaa niklaa +b OKp Og
 hearing himself cursed he went into a rage

IV. with any verb in the connotation 'with great ease':

- t raam ek kSaN mE yah praSn hal kar niklaa +b ?p *g
 ram solved this problem in an instant

This connotation of ease contrasts with that of vector nikaal:⁵

- u socne samajhne ke baad raam ne yah praSn hal
 1 kar nikaalaa +bp *g
 socne samajhne ke baad raam yah praSn hal kar
 2 niklaa *bp
 ram solved this problem after giving it some
 (hard) thought

4/ In groups I, II and III the nikal-sequences seem to overlap those formed with vector uTh. See the examples of the latter in Bahl 1967, pp 417-29. The lack of voluntary control in actions and the perceptual strikingness of events described by the sequences in groups I, II and III above is characteristic of uTh-sequences. See discussion in Hacker 1958, pp 222-6. Neither he nor Van Olphen 1970, pp 167-8, seems to have captured the essence of vector uTh.

5/ See section 3.6.7. Speaker b finds that the expression of an action with a nikal-sequence sometimes implies that it was performed secretly, without the consent or knowledge of some third party.

3.6.7 Unusual vector verbs: nikaal 'take out'

- a 1 pal bhar mE unhO ne do praSn hal kar nikaale +bp
in an instant he solved two questions¹
- b us ne apnaa haath baRhaa nikaalaa +bp *g
he held out his hand
- c unhO ne madad de kar apne riStedaarO ko is zin-
dagii se ubhaar nikaalaa +bp *g
by giving his relatives help he raised them up
from this kind of life
- d 1 waigyaanik anusandhaan se ajiib ajiib padaarth
ugaa nikaalte hAI +bp *g
through research scientists are able to come up
with many strange and wonderful things
- e us ne khaad se phuul ugaa nikaale +bp *g
he brought up the flowers by using manure
- f mAI ne raam ko Saraab piite hue DhUURh nikaalaa
+bpg
i found ram when he was drinking
- g 1 raajaa ne nayaa qaanuun jaarii kar nikaalaa +bp
the king brought out a new law
- h 1 aawaaraa-gardii mE us ne zindagii kaaT nikaalii
+btgp he passed his life in idleness

¹/ This sentence may appear to contradict what was said about sentence set u in 3.6.6. However, the contrastive condition set forth there restricts the occurrence of vector nikal, not that of vector nikaal.

Many of the examples of nikaal-sequences may be accounted for by the concept of sub-synonymy or semantic support:² nikaal as main verb has a general range of meaning that includes the more specific ones of the main verbs with which nikaal as vector may occur:

- a 2 3 ...unhO ne do praSn hal kiye +bgb nikaale +b *gp
 d 2 waigyaanik...padaarth ugaate hAI +pgb
 3 nikaalte hAI +pgb
 g 2 raajaa ne nayaa qaanuun jaarii kiyaa +bgb
 3 nikaalaa +bgb
 h 2 aawaaraa-gardii mE us ne zindagii kaaT dii +bptg
 3 nikaal dii +bptg

The use of nikaal appears to connote successfully overcoming some difficulty, resistance or unlikelihood. Speakers do not associate it with any particular dialect either social or geographical.

3.6.8 Unusual vector verbs: mar 'die'

- a jaa! khaa mar! +dpgb (uneducated: g)
 go! eat up! (an impatient mother finally giving in to her insistent child)
 b kyaa ban mare ho +b Og
 what kind of a person have you turned into?

^{2/} See sections 3.6.5, 3.6.6 and 3.2.4.fn 3.

- c aaxirkaar tum apnii aadatO ke gulaam ban mare
 +b OKp Og
 finally you have ended up the slave of your ha-
 bits
- d mere piiche kyO ho mare +b OKp Og
 why the hell are you tagging after me?
- e hamaare na caahte hue bhii wo wahAA baiTh maraa
 +b OKp Og
 even though we didn't want him to, he had to go
 and sit down there
- f hamE dekhte hii bhUUK martaa hai +b Og *p
 as soon as he sees us (the damn dog) starts bar-
 king
- g tum us kii sallaah kyO maan mare +b Og ?p
 why the hell did you have to take his advice?
- h hamaaraa jaasuus SatruO ke paas jaa kar ek laakh
 mE bik maraa +bp Og
 our agent (damn him) sold out to the enemy for
 a hundred thousand
- mar implies extreme disapproval and contempt on
 the speaker's part. Its use usually implies the speaker
 is either uneducated or very crude in his relations
 with others. It collocates poorly with aap:
- i jaaiye, khaa mariye! *gb +p (sarcasm: p)
 go, feed your face (please)!

3.6.9 Unusual vector verbs: maar 'strike; kill'

- a us ne DaNDe se maar kar darwaazaa khol maaraa
 +b Op Delhi:g
 he knocked the door open with a stick
- b 1 unhO ne saaraa din gappO mE bitaa maaraa +bp
 they killed the whole day chatting
- c use jel mE band kar maaraa +bp Delhi:g
 they locked him up in jail
- d das miil kii dauR lagwaa kar sipaahiyo ko
thakaa maaraa thaa +bp Delhi:g
 he exhausted the troops by having them made to
 run ten miles
- e us ne saare kaaGaz jalaa maare +b Delhi:g *p
 he burned up all the papers
- f 1 baccO ko bhuutpret kii kahaanii sunaa kar Daraa
maaraa +bp Delhi:g
 telling the kids a ghost story he frightened
 them to death
- g mohan ne apne laRke ko DAAT maaraa jis se wo
 aage Galtii na kare +b Delhi:g *p
 mohan scolded the boy so that he wouldn't make
 a mistake ever again
- A synonym of vector Daal (but a bit more extreme
 in its connotations: p), vector maar differs from it in

its ability to occur in reverse vector sequences:¹

- h 1 unhO ne saaraa din gappO me bitaa Daalaa +gpb
 2 Daal bitaayaa *gpb
 b 2 maar bitaayaa +bp *g

they killed the whole day chatting

Some speakers find the use of maar as vector typical of a certain phakkaRpan or faaqaamastii 'care-free, insouciant, unrestrained manner' characteristic of adolescent speakers but independent of social status: +ap. Others find the use of maar typical of Delhi: +g.²

3.6.10 Unusual vector verbs: rakh 'put, keep'

- a gaarIi mE gaRbaR ho rakhii hai +b *jgp
 something's gone wrong with the car
 b un kii Tiim hamaarii Tiim se burii tarah haar rakhii hai +bj *gp
 his team has lost badly to ours
 c ThaND mE wo ek kone mE simaT rakhaa thaa +bj *gp
 he was huddling in a corner in the cold

1/ But not every maar-sequence is subject to reversal:
 a baccO ko bhuutpret kii kahaanii sunaa kar maar Daraayaa *bg ?p (see fl above for gloss)
 For discussion of reversed vector sequences see 3.2.2.

2/ Van Olphen notes that 'carelessness' may be connoted: p 162. He suggests that maar may occur with intransitive main verbs but provides no examples: p 168. For Bahl on maar-sequences see above, section 3.2.2.fn8.

- d mAI (ne *b) apne makaan kaa raastaa bhuul
rakhaa hUU +b *jgp
 i have forgotten the way home
- e aag bujh rakhii thii aur mAI ThaND mE ThiThur
 rahaa thaa +b *jgp
 the fire was out and i was shivering in the cold
- f jaasuus duSmanO ke haath bik rakhaa thaa +bj
 OKp *g
 the spy had sold himself to the enemy
- g us kii kamiiz piiche se phaT rakhii thii +bj
 PJp *g
 his shirt was torn from the back
- h kyaa tum ne yah caah rakhaa thaa ki mAI bhikh-
 mAgaa ban jaaUU +bp *g
 were you hoping i'd become a beggar?

It has as far as we know never been noticed in print that vector rakh occurs (in the speech of speakers from certain areas) with intransitive main verbs (abcefg). These areas lie along the northwest sector of the Hindi-speaking portion of India.¹

Bahl 1967 identifies the function of vector rakh with that of -y@ hu@.² Equivalent to f1 is f2:

1/ rakh with intransitives was first noticed in the speech of Mr. Kukreti who was overheard uttering sentence a. A visit to Dehra Dun confirmed the pattern as being typical of speakers there.

f 2 jaasuus duSmanO ke haath bikaa huaa thaa =pb +g
 Speakers sometimes accept what appear to be confluations
 of these two constructions:

f 3 jaasuus duSmanO ke haath bikaa rakhaa thaa +pg *b

4 bikaa huaa rakhaa thaa +p *gb (f3 = f2: +g)

although the meaning is somewhat different:

f 3 4 the spy was sure to sell himself to the enemy: +p

Speakers who do not accept rakh with intransitive stems
 often accept it with them in the pattern of f3:

a 2 gaaRii mE gaRbaR huii rakhii hai +p *gb

c 2 ThaND mE wo ek kone mE simTaa rakhaa thaa +g OKp
 *b

e 2 aag bujhii rakhii thii aur... +pg *b

g 2 us kii kamiiz piiche se phaTii rakhii thii +pg *b

3.6.11 Unusual vector verbs: rakh de 'put down'

a apnii dilcasp baatO se us ne sab ko hAsaa kar
rakh diyaa +bjpg

with his delightful talk he had everyone in
 stitches

b mAI ne us kii pol khol kar rakh dii +bjpg

i / exposed him // showed him for what he was /

c kaayde aazam kii purzoS taqriirO ne qaum kii taq-
diir badal kar rakh diyaa +bjpg

with his firey oratory jinnah changed the fate

- d tumhaare baarah bajaa kar rakh dUUGaa +pgb
i'll fix your wagon
- e biRlaa ne GariibO mE apnii daulat bahaa kar rakh dii +bgj *p
birla showered his wealth on the poor
- f nehruu jii ne hindustaan kii qismat banaa kar rakh dii +bgp
nehru moulded the destiny of india
- g tum ne apnii harkatO se apne khaandaan kaa naam miTaa kar rakh diyaa +bjgp
you with your misdeeds have blotted out the good name of your family

Expressing the irreversability of the action expressed by the main verb, rakh de is used in sometimes flowery but always vigorous idiomatic expressions.¹

3.6.12 Unusual vector verbs: rah 'remain, stay'

- a caliye, aap thoRii der leT rahiye +gp *b
why don't you go ahead and lie down for awhile
- b sirf thoRe se paise bac rahe (pcr 106) +gp *b
only a few pice were left over
- c mAI jab yah baat soctaa hUU to hat buddhii ho rahtaa hUU +pb *g
when i consider this matter i lose my wits

1/ Vector rakh de is discussed above at 3.4.1 and 3.4.2.

- d harbans kii pathraaii sii AAKhe us ke cehre par
 sthir ho rahII (abk 135) +gpb
 harbans' somewhat glazed eyes became fixed on
 her face
- e jaa kar kapRe badal lo aur so raho (abk 135) +gp
 go change your clothes and go to sleep *b
- f wo apne ghar se nikal kar...ek path ke kinaare
 kaahii ke wistar par baiTh rahtaa hai¹ +gb ?p
 leaving the house he goes and sits down on a
 mossy carpet by the edge of the road
 rah is a synonym of vector jaa. The reply to the
command in e is:
- g jab nIId aaegii tab so jaaUUqii (abk 135) +pb
 i'll go to sleep when i feel like it

However, rah is much more restricted in its occurrences than jaa. It does not occur with transitive main verbs while jaa often does.

Every case we have seen of the use of vector rah involves a change with an ensuing fixity of state: in d Harbans' eyes come to rest and then remain fixed on his wife's face. rah-sequences are semantically very much akin to conjunct sequences. However, the corresponding sequences with undeleted kar have a quite different meaning:

1/ This sentence is quoted by Pořizka 1967 (p 220) from Vatsyayan's Sekhar: ek jiiwanii.

- h ...ek path ke kinaare kaahii ke wistar par
 baiTh kar rah jaataa hai ≠f: +gp *b
 ...all he can do is to sit down (and remain sit-
 ting) helplessly on the mossy carpet by the edge
 of the path +gp

when they exist at all:

- i jaa kar kapRe badal lo aur so kar rah jaa *gpb
 (compare sentence e)

Vector rah should be kept distinct from progres-
 sive rah@ h-.²

3.6.13 Unusual vector verbs: le jaa 'take away'

- a jitnaa bhii muSkil kaam kyO na ho wo kar le jaa-
 egaa +bpg
 no matter how hard the job may be he'll carry
 it out
- b apnii suriilii waaNii se wo saarii mahfil ko
 rijhaa le gaili +bpg
 she captivated the audience with her sweet voice
- c DaakTar mariiz ko khatre se bacaa le gayaa +bg ?p
 the doctor got his patient out of danger

2/ See sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2. Bahl 1967, pp 329ff, mixes the two functions of grammaticalized rah (see also pp 233-5 and pp 402-12). Van Olphen criticizes Bahl on this point: Van Olphen 1971, p 21, fn 12.

d wo apnii duukaan calaa le gatii +bpg
 she (ultimately) made a success out of her store
 e pareSaanii ke baawjuud bhii wo apne ghoRe ko
 saadh le gayaa +bpg
 in spite of panicking he got his horse under
 control +bp

 in spite of panicking he kept his horse from
 falling +g

f agar tum log samai se kaaryawaahii nahII karte
 to yah niScit hai ki wo strii jo ciiz caahtii
 hai wo kar le jaaegii (nak 66) +gpb
 if you don't do something about it in time one
 thing is for sure: that woman will get away with
 anything she wants

le jaa focuses attention on the successful per-
 formance of a rather difficult action. A le jaa-sequence
 that finds a place in lexicons is nikaal le jaa:

g raam is koT se jaaRaa nikaal le gayaa +stgb *dp
 ram / got through the winter with this coat //
 made this coat last out the winter / (mhk vol 3)

Use of vector le jaa while not common¹ has no social or
 geographical implications.

1/ In the literature we find only one mention of le jaa
 as a vector verb: Bahl 1964, p 204. Bahl evidently
 thought better of it since le jaa is absent from the
 list of 'explicators' (=vectors) in Bahl 1967. Bahl
 1964 gives 13 examples of le jaa sequences: appendix
 II, p 8. Only one (which we quote in section 3.1.1)

Section Four: The Functions of the Compound Verb

Although quite a bit of attention has been paid to the functions of a compound verb in contrast to another corresponding compound verb (for example, of

a aadmii ne paise rakh diye +gpb
 the man put the money(on the table, etc.)
in opposition to

b aadmii ne paise rakh liye +gpb
 the man kept the money)¹

¹/ These two contrasting sentences are discussed in Van Olphen 1970, p 164. Other writers who have discussed the contrasts between members of pairs of compound verbs which differ only in their vector components at some length include Hacker 1958, Guru and Bahl 1967. The questions which one might ask about such contrasts are far from being exhausted by the research which has been done so far. Some unanswered questions are: I. To what extent does the lexical meaning of a main verb restrict the range of vector verbs with which it may occur? II. To what extent does the choice of a given vector verb depend on the meaning of a) specific elements in the sentence, b) the sentence as a whole, c) features of the context of speech having no overt linguistic expression? III. To what extent are vectors redundant?

relatively little attention has been paid to the functions of a compound verb in opposition to the corresponding simple verb; or, to put the matter more abstractly, to the functions of vector verbs as a class in opposition to their absence. One might imagine such functions to be essentially syntactic (that is, the alternation simple verb:compound verb is governed solely by the syntactic structures present in the environmenting sentence(s) and is thus semantically empty or redundant), semantic (that is, the choice of a compound verb as opposed to a simple one is made in order to express a difference in meaning however subtle), non-linguistic (that is, the choice simple:compound verb is determined by the economic, educational, or social status of the speaker (or hearer) or by the geography of his linguistic experience), or to depend on some combination of these factors.

Functions
of CV

(1) Syntactic

(2) Semantic

(3) Non-linguistic

(4) Combination
above three

These alternatives are explored and elaborated in Section Four.

4.1 Previous writers on the functions of the compound verb

Though rarely pursued the question of the functions of the contrast simple:compound in the Hindi verb

system has been a subject of speculation and a source of mystery to most writers on the subject, especially if they are speakers of a West European language. Indeed the category compound verb appears so unlike any of the structures of European languages that some have come near to denying that it has a function at all:

"The explicator (=vector, PH) may have an effect similar to a verb particle (give up, give out, give in) or an adverb in English. However, in many conventional uses explicators are so commonly used that they no longer carry any meaning at all." 1/

Although he occasionally compares the function of the compound verb in Hindi to that of the perfect in German² and elsewhere to the verbal prefix system of Indo-European³, Hacker's thesis is that vector verbs function as redundant elements whose occurrence as a class is determined by

"eine eigentuemliche, nicht nur bei den Hilfs-
verben (=vectors, PH) wirksame, sondern die ganze
Sprache durchziehende stilistische Tendenz des
Hindi in Aktion: die Neigung zum Pleonasmus." 4/

1/ Van Olphen 1970, p 148. Similar statements may be found in Greaves, p 331, and Kellogg (see fn 8, below)

2/ Hacker 1958, paragraphs 98 and 99.

3/ Paragraph 90. However, he does not find a systematic correspondence: "...aber...ist ihre Funktion oft viel allgemeiner, als die von Praefixen oder dergl. in andern Sprachen jemals sein kann...nur bei uThnaa ist dies in einem gewissen Ausmass der Fall, indem es im Deutschen den gleichbedeutenden er- und auf- entspricht." : Hacker 1958, paragraph 90.

4/ Hacker 1958, Paragraph 13.

Hacker like Van Olphen sees little or no independent semantic or syntactic function in the compound as opposed to the simple verb:

"...sie alle dazu dienen koennen, ein an sich schon im Hauptverb enthaltenes Bedeutungsmoment bloss herauszuholen, explizit zu machen, zu entfalten. ... Dieses Entfalten ist die primaere Funktion der acht Hilfsverben." 5/

To the extent this writer is able to follow what he means, Bahl 1967 seems to follow the position of Hacker:

"The only functions of the explicators (= vector verbs, PH) is to explicate the lexical content of the main verbs in grammatically specific ways." 6/

"...the category of explicators is a syntactic category in the sense, for instance, the tense system of finite verb." (sic) 7/

"...explicators unfold or develop the lexical content of verbs rather than modify it." 8/

"We cannot...describe the explicative function of explicators in a satisfactory manner." 9/

"Since we do not know what the...lexical content of a verb is we cannot understand the grammatical nature of the modification of the meaning of verbs by explicators." 10/

"The other possibility of analysis...is to limit ourselves to the interpretation of the grammatical relationship between a verb and the explicator, disregarding the problem of contrast between simple and compound verbs." 11/

5/ Paragraph 89.

6/ P 329.

7/ P 330. (See above, 3.3.1) 8/ P 330.

9/ P. 334.

10/ P 336.

11/ P 347.

"By occurrence vs. non-occurrence of explicators we mean the grammatical realization of the phase or the aspect manifestations of activity. The term grammatical realization refers to selectional constraints imposed upon the two manifestations of an activity by the grammatical environment. In this section we shall be concerned primarily with the selectional constraints only, without going into details of the environment." 12/

"...the term optional occurrence includes those sentences where the non-occurrence of compatible vectors in terms of the criteria used by us remains undetermined." 13/

"What we have tried to illustrate is just a part of the grammatical properties of the phenomenon of compound verbs. This seemingly complicated part of Modern Standard Hindi grammar can be simplified a great deal by developing proper control over the data." 14/

From these passages it is clear (or seems to be clear) that Bahl is aware of the issues to be raised in an account of the functions of the contrast simple:compound, and is also aware of possible lines of approach. But, for reasons of methodology¹⁵, Bahl shies away from essaying such an account. As a result he is not able to improve substantially on what Hacker has to say on the question, and confines himself to further remarks on the meanings or connotations of the vectors in opposition to one another.¹⁶

12/ P. 352.

13/ P. 353.

14/ P. 367.

15/ See discussion above in section 2.

16/ Bahl's use of the term 'manifestation' is an important contribution: see above, ad footnote 12, and sections 4.3 and 4.4. So are his remarks on inherently simple verbs: see below, 4.4.1, sets c, d.

Kellogg calls the type of compound verb we are concerned with here 'intensive'.¹⁷ It is clear from Kellogg's own remarks that he is not using this term in a notional sense.¹⁸ However, others, thinking of the meaning the term 'intensive' has in the description of other languages¹⁹, feel obliged to show that the compound verb in Hindi is not 'intensive'.²⁰

Guru calls compound verbs अवधारणबोधक awadhaaraNbodhak 'indicating restriction (of the extent of the action)',²¹ and considers them to impart greater definiteness (niScay) to the expression of the action than does the correspon-

17/ Kellogg 1938, p 259.

18/ "While the modification of the first verb by the secondary member may often be expressed in English either by the addition of certain particles, or by the use of another verb from that employed to represent the simple Hindi verb, in many cases, again, it will be found quite impossible to indicate in English the slight distinction between the simple verb and the combination. Indeed it is to be remarked that combinations in which denaa is the last member, even in Hindi, are often scarcely to be distinguished in meaning from the simple verb." : p 263. A similar opinion is expressed by Greaves 1933, p 331.

19/ For example, the series of forms derived with the affix yan in Sanskrit are known to Westerners as 'intensives': cf Whitney, paragraphs 1000-25. In Greek too, there is an 'intensive': cf Smyth, paragraph 867. McGregor 1972, pp 172-4, and Hacker 1958, paragraphs 74-83, use the term for compounds in -e: see 4.3.3.1.

20/ Hacker 1958 criticizes the use of the term at great length: paragraphs 2, 8 and 74. As does Pořízka 1969 in paragraph 27,94; and Greaves 1933, p 333. Others who use the term include: Davidova 1958, Barannikov and Barannikov, Pahwa, Scholberg and Vale.

ding simple verb.²²

4.1.1 The work of Vincenc Pořízka

A clear and well thought out attempt to elucidate the function of the Hindi compound verb as a grammatical category in opposition to the simple verb has been made by only one of the many writers on the subject: In a lengthy monograph published in Archiv Orientalni over a three year period¹ Prof V Pořízka is able to show that the category of aspect as defined in the description of Slavonic languages is one of the factors operating in the distribution of simple verbs and their corresponding jaa-sequences:

"...unmodified verbs are unmarked with regard to perfectiveness of the action: they have no inherent perfective aspect meaning nor do they preclude it and may denote it in certain contexts or situations. Modified verbal expressions with jaanaa are marked with regard to perfectiveness; they have taken the function of signifying perfectiveness from unmodified verbs and developed into a special category." 2/

22/ Guru (wikram samwat 2022), p 317. Compare Hacker 1958's Bestimmtheit: paragraphs 11, 15-7, 20, 89, 91.

1/ 1967-1969.

2/ Pořízka 1967, p 78. With regard to the second part of his thesis, namely, that the compound verb expresses the perfective aspect, Pořízka has had his fore-runners. Among the Russians he includes Barannikov and Barannikov 1956, pp 127-8:

"Так как функции образующих глаголов - уточнять

Porizka's monograph consists essentially of a very well documented claim about (rather than a demonstration of) the function of the contrast simple:compound in the Hindi verb system. Aside from two substantive arguments, his lengthy exposition basically shows that nothing in the data he has collected conflicts with his interpretation of the alternation. Without the use of arguments proceeding from negative data,³ it is difficult to show that the aspectual interpretation is demanded, especially since the simple verb according to Porizka may express either perfective or imperfective

направление действия, обозначаемого основой главного глагола, и так как всем сложным глаголам свойственно выражать законченность действия, то функции образующих глаголов близки к функциям префиксов в русских глаголах совершенного вида с приставками: от-дать, у-пасть, раз-бить и т. д."

Pahwa speaks of 'the sense of completion and finality of the action denoted by the root' when this occurs in a compound verb: pp 242-3. Pray (mimeo) speaks of the compound verb's being perhaps 'the only truly aspectual forms in the verbal system' of Hindi: p 8. Others speak of the sense of completion or ЗАКОНЧЕННОСТЬ or puurNtaa but only as inhering in compounds formed with some subset of the vector verbs: Jelovkov 1963, pp 99-100, for cuk, jaa and de; Davidova 1958, pp 226-7, for jaa, paa and cuk; Guru, pp 318-9, for jaa and le; Vajpeyi, pp 482, 484, for le, de and cuk; Sharma 1958, pp 88-9, for jaa, le, de, Daal and cuk; McGregor 1972, pp 99-103, for jaa, de and aa. Which vectors express completion is investigated in section 4.2.2 below.

- 3/ That is, information on what may not occur or is less acceptable than some alternative means for the expression of a given meaning. See discussion above in 2 of the methodological importance of negative data.

aspect.

"...unmodified verbs in Hindi...are unmarked with regard to perfectiveness of the action, but can denote it in certain contexts or situations. This often is the case in the preterite. ...unmodified verbs will have to be regarded as neutral in respect of aspect, or as zero-aspect verbs." 4/

Pořízka's substantive arguments are: I that translations of Hindi into Slavonic languages are often found to render compound verbs with perfectives and simple verbs with imperfectives;⁵ and, II that as in Slavonic languages perfectives do not occur with phasal expressions: 'start', 'continue', 'stop', etc., so in Hindi the compound verb does not occur equivalent expressions: lag 'begin', -t@ rah 'continue', band kar 'stop', etc.⁶

perfective
↓
you can not
look into the
internal
constituency of
these verbs.

The first of these arguments has many difficulties⁷ that are beyond the scope of this paper and hence will not be discussed further here. The second is interesting for two reasons: I. it turns on negative data:

- a pardaa girne lagtaa hai +pořízka
 pardaa gir jaane lagtaa hai *pořízka
 the curtain begins to fall⁸

4/ Pořízka 1968, p 70. 5/ Ibid., p 67 and p 77, fn 109

6/ Ibid., p 70.

7/ Such as the question of the interference of Russian linguistic categories with a Russian's perception of Hindi.

8/ Pořízka 1969, p 30.

Form: simple : Compound
 Meaning: imperfective : perfective
 Aspectually
 Neutral

II. it presupposes universal semantic (or semantico-syntactic) categories. That is, the fact that the formal distinctions simple:compound and imperfective:perfective behave in parallel has significance for Porizka's argument only if one assumes that there exist categories such as 'aspect' and 'phase' which can be defined independently of particular languages and that the restrictions in the cooccurrences of the language-particular manifestations of these categories are parallel across languages because such restrictions are determined by the semantic or 'logical' properties of these categories. Thus, because the properties of perfectiveness are not compatible with the properties of phase (or are perhaps redundant to them), verbs marked for the perfective aspect in Russian may not occur in phasal expressions:

b 1 ОН НАЧАЛ ГОВОРИТЬ (imperfective)

2 ОН НАЧАЛ СКАЗАТЬ* (perfective)

he began to speak

If one accepts the assumptions made above the parallel asymmetry in Hindi (see sentence set a) becomes another piece of evidence for ascribing aspectual function to the simple:compound contrast.

However, even accepting these assumptions there are certain difficulties lying in the way of the correct interpretation of this evidence. These difficulties we

4.1.2 Phasal expressions and the compound verb

A verb expressing phase is a verb which, not expressing an activity as such, provides information on the temporal characteristics of an activity expressed by some other verb with which it is in construction. As such phasal verbs may be considered to be primarily aspectual in meaning with respect to some other verb.¹ It is not surprising then that there should be restrictions on the co-occurrence of compound verbs with verbs of phase if we consider the former to be aspectually marked forms:

a 1 wo bolne lagaa +bsdtgap

2 wo bol dene lagaa *sdtga +bp

he began to speak (compare b1 and b2 in 4.1.1)

However, the statement that compound verbs do not occur in phasal expressions is at the same time not completely accurate and not very strongly discriminating. Compound verbs in the speech of some individuals do occasionally occur in phasal expressions:

b 1 raam ghar mE binaa rok Tok ke ghusne lagaa thaa

2 +bsdtga Wp ghus jaane lagaa thaa +bp Wt² *sdga

ram had begun dropping in freely

1/ Verbs of phase may themselves show aspectual contrast
a b wo bolne lagaa +pabg wo bolne lag gayaa +pabg

2/ Speaker t finds b2 expresses greater 'audacity'. (boldness)
厚顏無恥 (impudence)

c 1 siitaa ne baat baat par ronaa choR diyaa +bsdtgap

2 ro lenaa choR diyaa +b Wst Op *dga

sita gave up crying over every trifle

d 1 raam ne yah kaam samay par karnaa band kar diyaa

2 +bsdtgap kar denaa band kar diyaa +bgp Wst *da

ram stopped getting this work done on time

However, these apparent counter-examples do not viti-
ate Pořízka's argument since in all these sentences the
phasal expression refers to a starting or stopping not
of the activities denoted by the compound verbs but of
the habit of engaging in these activities. These acti-
vities are iterated and perfective (and may be markedly
expressed as perfective). The habit of engaging in them
is delimited by lag 'begin', choR 'give up', etc. If the
sentences are altered in such a way that the temporal
frame becomes too slim to speak of picking up or discar-
ding habits, then the phasal expressions refer directly
to individual performances of the activities themselves.
In such utterances more speakers reject compound verbs:

e mere wahAA pahUcte hii raam ghar mE ghus jaane

lagaa *bsdtgap

as soon as i got there ram began to enter the
house

f kal Saam hote hii siitaa ne baat baat par ro le-

naa choR diyaa *bdtga +s Op

spoil the
quality or
reduce the
force of
something

up crying over trifles³

Thus we may conclude that Pořízka is correct:

Single acts (as in e and f) when being started or stopped⁴ are not expressed with compound verbs in Hindi. Assuming that compound verbs express the perfective aspect, we have a neat explanation of their inability to occur with phasals, if we consider that from the point of view of its starting or stopping, any act or event, no matter how brief its duration in absolute terms, can be seen only as incomplete or imperfective.

The nearly complete restriction on the occurrence

3/ Note however the acceptability of

- a Saadii hote hii siitaa ne baat baat par ro lenaa
 choR diyaa +bt OKg ?p *a
 as soon as she got married sita gave up crying
 over every little trifle

Evidently the mere presence of a time adverbial in -te hii is not in itself sufficient to narrow the time frame below that required to speak of a change in a habit. The state of being married is commensurate in duration with that of having the habit of crying over trifles; the duration of an evening is too short to accomodate the end of such a habit.

4/ Phasal expressions properly include -t@ rah, -t@ jaa and -e jaa ('keep ____-ing', 'continue to ____'). In construction with these expressions we do not find compound verbs (This has been noticed by Barker 1967, vol I, p 391, and by Pray (mimeo), p 7.):

- a 1 raam ghar me binaa rok Tok ke ghustaa rahaa +gapb
 2 ghus jaataa rahaa *gapb
 ram kept dropping in without a by-your-leave
 b 1 siitaa baat baat par rotii gatii +gapb
 2 ro letii gatii *gapb
 sita continued to cry over every little trifle
 c 1 raam yah kaam samay par kiye gayaa +gpb *a
 2 kar diye gayaa *gpb
 ram went on getting this work done on time

of compound verbs in phasal expressions does not discriminate them strongly from other verb-verb sequences:

- g 1 mAI ne apne palang par aa kar leTnaa choR diyaa
 2 +ga Wp *b aa leTnaa choR diyaa *gab
 i gave up coming up and lying down on my bed^{+p}
- h 1 bhaaluu madhumakkhii kaa chattaa toR kar khaane
 2 lagaa +apbg toR khaane lagaa *ab Wpg
 the bear ripped open the hives and began to eat
 (the honey) (see sentence set 3.2.1.b)
- i wo aa sakne lagaa *gapb
 he began to be able to come

However, while it may be true that this lack of differentiability makes the non-collocability of compound verbs with verbs of phase an indeterminate criterion for defining the set of compound verbs, it is not in itself an argument against Pořízka's interpretation of that non-collocability. *collocate* \Rightarrow to be used regularly together in a language

4.1.3 Aspect and communicative function

Granting for a moment that aspectual categories are behind the distribution of simple:compound verbs in Hindi or are at least an important factor in their distribution, we are faced with a further problem: Why? Why an explicit expression of aspectual contrast in Hin-

di? What is the communicative function¹ of such a contrast?

Aspect in the elegant definition of Sweet is the contrast of "distinctions of time independent of any reference to past, present or future."² However, there are morphological gaps in the verb system of an aspect-expressing language like Russian which aspectually contrasted verb forms are called on to fill. For example, the aspectual system is able to express the contrast progressive:completed for which there is otherwise no morphological category:

- | | | |
|-----|--|---------------------------|
| a 1 | Он <u>приходит</u> ^I ко мне | he was coming to my place |
| 2 | Он <u>пришёл</u> ^P ко мне | he came to my place |

In Russian the aspectual system serves to express the contrast present:future as well:

- | | | |
|-----|--|-------------------------------------|
| b 1 | Он <u>приходит</u> ^I ко мне | he is coming to my place |
| 2 | Он <u>придёт</u> ^P ко мне | he'll come to my place ³ |

1/ The communicative function of a contrast may be seen as deriving from factors both linguistic and extra-linguistic: I) to what degree is the information conveyed by a contrast unavailable from its linguistic context, II) to what degree is it unavailable from its extra-linguistic context (and thus of use to the individuals exchanging it). For example, in:

- | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----|
| a | john always goes home at five | and |
| b | john and mary always go home at five | |
- the information conveyed by the contrast goes:go is available from the rest of the sentence. The information conveyed by the contrast left:will leave in:
- | | |
|---|--|
| c | d the train / left // will leave / at noon today |
|---|--|
- is not available from the rest of the sentence, but is of little moment to a man with a watch.

Hindi, on the other hand, with separate morphological categories for these contrast may express them without recourse to the contrast simple:compound verb:⁴

c 1 wo mere yahAA aa rahaa thaa (see a1 for gloss)

2 wo mere yahAA aayaa thaa (see a2 for gloss)

d 1 wo mere yahAA aa rahaa hai (see b1 for gloss)

2 wo mere yahAA aaegaa (see b2 for gloss)

It even has a morphological category to express the perfect:non-perfect contrast that Slavic languages appear to get along without.⁵

e 1 wo mere yahAA aayaa hai he has come to my place

2 wo mere yahAA aayaa he came to my place

Given this wealth of morphological contrasts in Hindi, one might well ask if there are not other functions that the simple:compound contrast fills. After a further look at the question of aspect (section 4.2) the remainder of section 4 is devoted to other possible functions.

3/ This holds for the expression of the contrast present:future within the context of a single act. For habitual action the contrast is differently expressed.

4/ Pořízka 1967 has noted the perfective:zero-aspect and imperfective:zero-aspect of Hindi's verbal system as distinguishing it from the perfective:imperfective contrast of Slavic's verb systems: p 70.

5/ However, it seems from the discussion of 'two-way action' in Russian that some part of the role played by the contrast perfect:non-perfect in English and Hindi is played in Russian, again via aspectual pairing:

a ОН ВЗЯЛ КНИГУ he has taken the book -has it now

b ОН ОРАЛ КНИГУ he took the book -and returned it

Discussion may be found in Forsyth 1970, pp 12-13.

4.1.4 The simple:compound verb as privative contrast

As the term itself implies, aspect has a great deal to do with how the speaker wishes to view an event, with his temporal point of view. If this point of view is from the outside, then the event is seen as a point, as a completed whole; if from the inside, then the event is seen as a line, as incomplete and unfolding. Verbs forms expressing the first point of view are perfective; those expressing the second, imperfective.

Pořízka's thesis is in part that the simple verb in Hindi is unmarked for aspect, that it expresses either a perfective or imperfective view of the action, depending on context. Only the compound (or, at least, those in vector jaa)¹ unambiguously expresses ^{perfective} aspect. Thus the contrast between the simple and the compound verb is 'privative'²: one term of the pair of contrasting elements conveys the presence of a given feature; the other conveys neither the presence or the absence of that feature.

In the following sentence pair, both the events of giving and going are seen from the same point of view

1/ For the aspectual properties of the others, see 4.2.

2/ Roman Jakobson first applied this term to the analysis of aspect in Russian. See Forsyth 1970, pp 6-8.

as completed whole or pointlike actions:

a 1 mAI ne use pAAc paise de diye aur calaa gayaa

2 diye aur calaa gayaa

i gave him five paise and left

Yet speakers agree that the semantically perfective act of giving may be expressed either with a simple (diye) or compound (de diye) verb: +bsdtgap

Most events can be seen under either a perfective or imperfective aspect. However, there are some events, of such brief duration that it is impossible to present or represent them from inside, which may be classed as inherently perfective.³ For example, momentaneous changes in state resulting from the completion of some prior (and perhaps semantically durative) activity: arrive, the completion of the activity of approaching; find, the completion of the activity of searching; recognize, an all-or-nothing change in mental state; etc. Such inherently perfective events can be expressed either by simple or compound verbs:

b 1 mAI raam-ke yahAA pahUcaa +bsdtgap

2 pahUc gayaa +bsdtgap

i arrived at ram's

c 1 us ne mujhe pahcaanaa +bstg Wdp W?a

2 pahcaan liyaa +bsdtgap

he recognized me

UIMP

diye
is "object"
description
while
de diye
is "subject"
description

Marathi
↓
NO CV'S
for this

X Perfective vs Imperfective

✓ perfective vs. Aspectually Neutral.

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in my opinion

To complete the schema of a privative contrast we must show that the simple verb may express imperfective activity. This matter is taken up in the succeeding section.

4.2 Simple:compound verbs and the contrast conation:completion

One of the specific contrasts that derives from the general contrast in Russian between the perfective and imperfective¹ aspects is that between conation, or the attempt to perform an action, and completion, or the successful performance of that action:

- a МЫ ДОГОНЯЛИ^I его...и наконец ДОГНАЛИ^P
we were catching up with him...and finally we
caught up with him
- b МЫ ЛОВИЛИ^I его, но не ПОЙМАЛИ^P
we tried to catch him but didn't succeed

Although the Russian 'imperfective' may in other contexts express completed or perfective action, the imperfective forms in these examples denote the unsuccessful attempt to perform activity.

1/ The name 'imperfective' although traditionally in use to describe one class of verb forms in Russian is in fact somewhat misleading since it can be shown to be unmarked with regard to aspect: Forsyth, pp 3-6, 347.

2/ Sentences a and b from Forsyth, p 49. ЛОВИТЬ^I and ПОЙМАТЬ^P are the suppletive members of an aspect pair.

In Hindi we may find similar 'imperfective' or conative uses of the simple verb:

c 1 raajaa ne taswiir banaaii magar nahII ban paaii
+bsdtgap

the king tried to make a picture but couldn't³

Here the activity of making a picture as expressed by the simple verb banaaii is seen as both unsuccessful and incomplete. Note the contrast if a compound verb occurs:

c 2 raajaa ne taswiir banaa lii +bsdtgap

the king made a picture (completed action)

3 raajaa ne taswiir banaa lii magar nahII ban paaii
*bsdtgap

the king made a picture but couldn't

banaa lii implies successful completion of the activity of making a picture. Thus it is a meaningless contradiction to follow it with a clause that states this activity to be unsuccessful and incomplete.

Sometimes the conative:completed contrast is realized by different lexical items in English corresponding to simple:compound verbs in Hindi:

d 1 ham ne aap kaa pataa DhUURhaa lekin nahII mil
paayaa +bsdtgap

3/ I am indebted to Harender Vasudeva for pointing out this idiom to me and for suggesting its bearing on the question of aspect in Hindi.

Not possible in more than one use?

FILE 3?

आपही आपा पता पूरा सोचना पर साधना नही
 * सोझना कामी

आपही आपा माहिती विचारनी पर
 काहि अकल नही
 * आपही आपा माहिती विचारनी दोना
 पर काहि अकल नही

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we looked for your address but couldn't find it

d 2 ham ne aap kaa pataa DhUURh liyaa +bsdtgap

we found your address⁴

3 ham ne aap kaa pataa DhUURh liyaa lekin nahII

mil paayaa *bsdtgap

we found your address but couldn't find it

In other instances the successful:unsuccessful

contrast may not be explicitly made in English at all:⁵

e 1 mAI ne use paise diye lekin us ne nahII liye +bgap

2 mAI ne use paise de diye +bgap

3 mAI ne use paise de diye lekin us ne nahII liye

*bga ?p

e 1 3 i gave him the money but he wouldn't take it

2 i gave him the money

In Hindi de de 'give' implies actual transfer whereas de

'give' need not. This difference, while expressible in

4/ Perhaps this relation between DhUURh 'look for' and DhUURh le 'find' is behind the expression search out sometimes heard in India:

a we searched out your number in the telephone directory

Similar to the relation between DhUURh and DhUURh le is that between ilaaaj kar 'treat' and ilaaaj kar de 'cure'. Both DhUURh and ilaaaj kar may depending on context express either conative or completed action:

b DaakTar ne raam ke haize kaa ilaaaj kiyaa aur calaa gayaa

the doctor treated ram's cholera and left +btgp

the doctor cured ram's cholera and left +bg *tp

Southworth 1971 suggests some similar pairs: kar 'do' and kar le 'accomplish', samjhaa 'explain' and sam-jhaa le 'persuade': p 120.

5/ For some further functional analogs in English see 4.5

ਮੇਰੇ ਕਾਲਰ ਨੂੰ ਫੋਨ ਕਰਨਾ ਹੀ ਨਹੀਂ
ਦਿੱਤਾ ਸੀ।

English (give:try to give) is not obligatorily made. There is a similar opposition between fon kar 'call' and fon kar le 'call up': it is not enough to pick up a phone, dial a number and get an answer; to use fon kar le the caller must get the person he intends to speak to on the line:⁶

- f mAI ne das baje aap ko fon kiya lekin aap nahII
1 mile +basdtgp
 i called you at ten o'clock but couldn't get you
2 mAI ne das baje aap ko fon kar liya +basdtg *p
 i called you up at ten o'clock
3 mAI ne das baje aap ko fon kar liya lekin aap
 nahII mile *basdtp +g
 i called you up at ten o'clock but i couldn't
 get you

For some speakers the use of the compound verb in sentences like c2, d2, e2 and f2 implies something even stronger than successful completion. For them expression of a transitive activity by a compound implies the exhaustion of the object or the exhaustive performance of that activity:

- 6/ Interestingly, the perfective:imperfective opposition in Russian conveys an exactly parallel contrast:
- a Я звонил^I тебе вчера, но тебя не было дома.
 i called you yesterday, but you were not at home
b Я позвонил^P ей и всё передал.
 i called her up and reported everything
c Я позвонил^P тебе вчера, но тебя не было дома.*
 i called you up yesterday, but you weren't at home

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- g 1 mAI ne paraAThaa khaayaa lekin saaraa nahII +sdt
+bgap
i ate the paratha but not all of it
- 2 mAI ne paraAThaa khaa liyaa +sdtgapb
i ate up the paratha
- 3 g2 + lekin saaraa nahII *dba Wsp +tg
...but not all of it⁷

However there is less agreement on the ability of the simple:compound verb to express partial:exhaustive performance than on its ability to express conation:completion: (compare speaker reactions in sets e and h)

- h 1 mAI ne use paise diye lekin saare nahII +dtgapb Ws
- 2 mAI ne use paise de diye +sdtgapb
- 3 h2 + lekin saare nahII *db ?tp +sag
i gave him the money -but not all of it
- It is also the case that not every simple verb ← important

may express conation:

- i us ne siiTii sunii lekin wo sunaaii nahII dii *apb
+g
he listened for the whistle but couldn't hear it

Nonetheless the fact that the compound counterparts of those simple verbs that do express conation usually agree

- 7/ It is to be noted that the mere presence of a lekin-clause is not the factor governing the unacceptability of the third sentence in these sets:
- a raam roTiyAA khaa gayaa +sdtbgap
- b a + lekin binaa tript hue +sdtbga ?p
- c a + lekin kewal acchii tarah phuulii huii*abdg +stp
ram ate up the chapatis -/but without feeling satisfied//but only the nicely blown up ones/
- Only lekin-clauses that conflict with the completive or exhaustive sense of the first clause are unable to follow a compound verb.

in not permitting a conative interpretation is important evidence that almost all vector verbs imply the successful completion of the activity expressed by the main verb.

One of course would have preferred 'always' to 'usually' and 'all' to 'almost all' in the statement preceding. Then one would have had a very concrete, non-ad hoc generalization to make about the function of compound verbs as a class. However, the facts, as we shall see in the succeeding section, are otherwise. Although these facts lead to a partition of a set of linguistic objects which on the basis of several other criteria form a single class⁸, these facts themselves are worth some attention since they run counter to what one would expect who ascribes aspectual contrast to the simple:compound verb.

4.2.1 Diagnostic tests for the conative:comple- tive contrast

In what follows we attempt to show to what extent each of the twenty-four vector verbs implies the completion of the activity expressed by the main verb. First we present an example of the conative use of some main

⁸/ For discussion of these criteria see sections 3.3.1, 3.3.2 and 4.2.3.

verb which frequently occurs with the vector in question, then the corresponding compound verb, and finally a contradictory sentence like cdef3 of section 4.2 to demonstrate the inadmissability of a conative or incomplete interpretation for the compound. The reactions of Hindi speakers to these sentence sets are discussed in section 4.2.2.

- a 1 wo injan harkat mE laayaa magar wo harkat mE nahII aayaa +pb *g 7
 2 wo injan harkat mE le aayaa +pbg *a
 3 a2 + magar wo harkat mE nahII aayaa *pb
 a 1 he tried to get the engine going but it wouldn't go
 2 he got the engine going
 3 -but it wouldn't go¹
 b 1 Sokgrast aurat ne apne kapRe phaaRe lekin us se nahII phaTe +gpb 7
 2 Sokgrast aurat apne kapRe phaaR uThii +gpb *a
 3 b2 + lekin us se nahII phaTe *pb +g
 b 1 the griefstricken woman tried to tear her clothes but was not able to tear them

1/ harkat mE le aa 'get into motion' is the only example we have been able to find of the use of vector aa in a compound that it is possible to oppose to a conative simple. All others involve changes of state or actions that are not mediated through the operation of will or intention and thus cannot be conative. a2 is not a conjunct sequence with deleted kar:
 a wo injan harkat mE le kar aa gayaa *pbg

- b 2 the griefstricken woman tore at her clothes
 3 -but was not able to tear them
- c 1 ek aadmii ko apnii taraf aataa huaa dekh kar
 xargoS bhaagaa lekin apnaa pair cAgul se nikaal
 nahII sakaa +gp *b
- 2 ek aadmii ko apnii taraf aataa huaa dekh kar
 xargoS bhaag khaRaa huaa +gpb *a
- 3 c2 + lekin apnaa pair cAgul se nikaal nahII sakaa
 *gp
- c 1 seeing a man coming in its direction the rabbit
 tried to run away but it couldn't get its foot
 out of the trap
- 2 seeing a man coming in its direction the rabbit
 ran away
- 3 -but it couldn't get its foot out of the trap
- d 1 sAAR hamaare makaan mE ghusaa lekin ham ne use
 ghusne nahII diyaa +pg *b
- 2 sAAR hamaare makaan mE ghus calaa +gpb *a
- 3 d2 + lekin ham ne use ghusne nahII diyaa +gp² *b
- d 1 a bull tried to get into our house but we didn't
 let him
- 2 a bull began to get into our house
- 3 -but we didn't let him

2/ Compare d2 and d3 with the following in jaa:

a sAAR hamaare makaan mE ghus gayaa +pgab

b a + lekin ham ne use ghusne nahII diyaa *pgab

The acceptability of d3 depends on cal, not on ghus.

- e 1 riitaa ne gaay kaa goSt khaayaa lekin khaa nahII sakii +pg *b ?
2 riitaa gaay kaa goSt khaa cukii +pg *ab
3 e2 + lekin khaa nahII sakii *pg
- e 1 rita tried to eat beef but couldn't
2 rita already ate beef
3 -but couldn't
- f 1 us ne apne pati ko Saraabii banaayaa lekin / wo nahII banaa +g / us ne Saraab chuii tak nahII +p *b
2 us ne apne pati ko Saraabii banaa choRaa +pgb *a
3 f2 + lekin / wo nahII banaa *g / us ne Saraab chuii tak nahII *pb
- f 1 she tried to make a drunkard out of her husband but / couldn't / he never even touched the stuff
2 she made a drunkard out of her husband
3 -but / couldn't / he never even touched the stuff
- g 1 mAI ne is baat ko suljhaayaa lekin sulajh nahII sakii +pgb ?
2 mAI ne is baat ko suljhaa kar choR diyaa +pgb *a
3 g2 + lekin wo sulajh nahII sakii *pgb
- g 1 i tried to straighten this thing out but i could not manage to do so
2 i straightened this thing out
3 -but i could not manage to do so
- h 1 raam ne fenii pii magar pii nahII sakaa +pgb *a ?

- h 2 raam fenii pii gayaa +pgab
 3 h2 + magar pii nahII sakaa *pgb
- h 1 ram tried to drink the cashew wine but couldn't
 2 ram drank up the cashew wine
 3 -but couldn't
- i 1 mariiz khaRaa huaa parantu dard ke maare us se ?
 khaRaa huaa nahII gayaa +pgb *a
 2 mariiz khaRaa ho gayaa³ +pgab
 3 i2 + parantu dard ke maare us se khaRaa huaa na-
 hII gayaa *pgb
- i 1 the patient tried to stand up but because of the
 pain he couldn't
 2 the patient stood up
 3 -but because of the pain he couldn't
- j 1 raadhaa ne raam kii ciTThii paRhii lekin us se ?
 paRhii nahII gail +pgb
 2 raadhaa ne raam kii ciTThii paRh Daalii +pgb *a
 3 j2 + lekin us se paRhii nahII gail *pgb
- j 1 radha tried to read ram's letter but couldn't
 2 radha read ram's letter through
 3 -but couldn't

3/ Because of differences in connotation depending on whether jaa occurs with a transitive main verb or with an intransitive, we test it here with main verbs of each type. The connotational differences are discussed in Hacker 1958, p 203ff and 206ff. Hacker's statements are discussed by Van Olphen, p 159, pp 166-7 and criticized by Pořízka 1967, pp 79-80.

- k 1 bhuut dekhte hii wo cillaaii lekin us ke mUh se ?
aawaaz nahII niklii +pgb
- 2 bhuut dekhte hii wo cillaa dii⁴ +pgb *a
- 3 k2 + lekin us ke mUh se aawaaz nahII niklii *gb +p
- k 1 as soon as she saw the ghost she wanted to scream
but her voice stuck in her throat
- 2 as soon as she saw the ghost she screamed
- 3 -but her voice stuck in her throat
- l 1 pahlwaan ne apne pratidwandwii ko dabaayaa magar ?
wo nahII dabaa +pgb
- 2 pahlwaan ne apne pratidwandwii ko dabaa dharaa
+pb Vg *a
- 3 l2 + magar wo nahII dabaa *pgb
- l 1 the wrestler tried to floor his opponent but he
wouldn't go down
- 2 the wrestler floored his opponent
- 3 -but he wouldn't go down
- m 1 ahmad yahAA se calaa magar ham ne use pakRe ?
rakhaa +gp *b
- 2 ahmad yahAA se cal niklaa⁵ +gpb *a

4/ For the completive sense of vector de with transitive main verbs see section 4.2, sentence set e.

5/ nikal in this sentence should probably be considered a factor verb rather than a vector (see 3.2.5 for the distinction). In general sentences in which a simple verb expresses conation do not have compound counterparts in vector nikal. As nikal occurs as vector in sentences expressing involuntary acts or sensory experience, there can be no conative counterparts: 3.66.

- m 3 m2 + magar ham ne use pakRe rakhaa *gpb
- m 1 ahmad tried to leave here but we kept hold of him
- 2 ahmad got out of here
- 3 -but we kept hold of him
- n 1 raam ne gaNit kaa praSn suljhaayaa magar wo nahII ?
- sulajh sakaa +pgb
- 2 raam ne gaNit kaa praSn suljhaa nikaalaa +pgb *a
- 3 n2 + magar wo nahII sulajh sakaa *pgb
- n 1 ram tried to solve the math problem but he could not do so
- 2 ram solved the math problem
- 3 -but he could not do so
- o 1 Daakuu kaa cuTkalaasun kar mAI hAsaa lekin hAsii ?
- mere mUh mE hii rah gaii +pgab
- 2 Daakuu kaa cuTkalaasun kar mAI hAs paRaa +pgab
- 3 o2 + lekin hAsii mere mUh mE hii rah gaii *pgab
- o 1 hearing the dacoit's joke i felt like laughing but the laugh stuck in my throat
- 2 hearing the dacoit's joke i laughed
- 3 -but the laugh stuck in my throat
- p 1 sirf mohan ne mumbaapurii kaa darwaazaa khoolaa ?
- parantu wo khulaa kyaa hilaa tak nahII +pgb *a
- 2 sirf mohan mumbaapurii kaa darwaazaa khool paayaa
- +pgab
- 3 p2 + parantu wo khulaa kyaa hilaa tak nahII *pgb

- p 1 only mohan tried to open the gate to bombay but
 it didn't even budge let alone open
- 2 only mohan managed to open the gate to bombay
- 3 -but it didn't even budge let alone open
- q 1 pulis ko dekh kar wo uThii lekin kamzoriii kii ?
 wajah se wo uTh nahII paaii +pgb *a
- 2 pulis ko dekh kar wo uTh baiThii +pgab
- 3 q2 + lekin kamzoriii kii wajah se wo uTh nahII
 paaii *pgb
- q 1 seeing the police she tried to get up but she
 was too weak to
- 2 seeing the police she got up
- 3 -but she was too weak to
- r 1 munne ko kuch dahii do, haraamxor ne saalan khaa- ?
 yaa magar kuch khaa nahII sakaa +pgb *a
- 2 munne ko kuch dahii do, haraamxor saalan khaa
 maraa +pb Oga
- 3 r2 + magar kuch khaa nahII sakaa *pb ?g
- r 1 give the kid some curds, the little bugger tried
 to eat the curry but couldn't eat a thing
- 2 give the kid some curds, the little bugger ate
 the curry⁶
- 3 -but couldn't eat a thing

6/ In r1 the child is to be given curds because he is
 presumably hungry; in r2 he is to be given curds to
 help him digest a hot curry.

- s 1 das mahiine ke baad baap ne use ghar se bhagaayaa ?
 lekin wo thaa jo wahII banaa rahaa +pgb
- 2 das mahiine ke baad baap ne use ghar se bhagaa
maaraa +pb *ga
- 3 s2 + lekin wo thaa jo wahII banaa rahaa *pb
- s 1 after ten months his father tried to kick him
 out but he stuck in there
- 2 after ten months his father kicked him out
- 3 -but he stuck in there
- t 1 mAI ne upaay socaa thaa par us samay kuch nahII ?
 suujhaa thaa +pgab
- 2 mAI ne upaay soc rakhaa thaa +pgab
- 3 t2 + par us samay kuch nahII suujhaa thaa *pgab
- t 1 i'd tried to think of a way out but at the time
 nothing came to mind
- 2 i had thought up a way out
- 3 -but at the time nothing came to mind
- u 1 apnii dilcasp baatO se us ne sab ko hAsaayaa ma- ?
 gar koi nahII hAsaa +pg *ab
- 2 apnii dilcasp baatO se us ne sab ko hAsaa kar
rakh diyaa +pgab
- 3 u2 + magar koi nahII hAsaa *pg
- u 1 he tried to make them all laugh by telling them
 amusing things but nobody laughed
- 2 telling them amusing things he made them all roar

- u 3 -but nobody laughed
- v 1 palang par leT kar soii magar dard ke maare us ?
se soyaa nahII gayaa +pgb
- 2 palang par leT kar so rahii +pgb *a
- 3 v2 + magar dard ke maare us se soyaa nahII gayaa
*pb +g
- v 1 lying down on the bed she tried to get to sleep
but the pain was such that she couldn't
- 2 lying down on the bed she went to sleep
- 3 -but the pain was such that she couldn't
- w 1 apne pati ke dehaant kii xabar sun kar wo roi ?
lekin xuSii kii wajah se ro nahII sakii +gpb
- 2 apne pati ke dehaant kii xabar sun kar wo ro lii ⁷
+gpb *a
- 3 w2 + lekin xuSii kii wajah se ro nahII sakii *gpb
- w 1 when she heard the news of her husband's death
she tried to cry but she was too pleased to cry
- 2 when she heard the news of her husband's death
she had a cry
- 3 -but she was too pleased to cry
- x 1 us ne saarii mahfil rijhaaii par koi bhii nahII ?
rijhaa +gb ?p *a
- 2 wo saarii mahfil rijhaa le gaii +gpb
- 3 x2 + par koi bhii nahII rijhaa *gpb

7/ For the non-conative connotation of le with transitive main verbs see sentence sets c, d and f in section 4.2.

- x 1 she tried to charm all her audience but nobody
was charmed
- 2 she captivated her entire audience
- 3 -but nobody was charmed
- y 1 mohan ne duunaa zor lagaa kar darwaazaa toRaa ?
lekin wo nahII TuuTaa +pgb *a
- 2 mohan duunaa zor lagaa kar darwaazaa toR sakaa +pg
+b
- 3 y2 + lekin wo nahII TuuTaa *pgb
- y 1 applying redoubled strength mohan attacked the
door but it wouldn't break
- 2 applying redoubled strength mohan was able to
break through the door
- 3 -but it wouldn't break

4.2.2 Completion and the category vector verb

From sentence set d in the preceding section it is clear that cal, which is grouped by about half the grammarians of Hindi¹ with le, de, jaa, etc., does not belong in the class of vector verbs if the incapacity to express conation is used as a criterion for establishing

¹/ Twelve out of the twenty-three we have considered: see section 3.1. Of the remainder only Hacker 1958 specifically excludes cal (paragraph 84):

"Zwar betonen intransitive jaanaa-Komposita... keineswegs die Vollendung des Vorgangs... aber calnaa unterstreicht seine Unabgeschlossenheit, positiv ausgedrueckt: seine Progressivitaet."

We cannot accept Hacker's statement about vector jaa.

such a category; cal-sequences permit a conative interpretation. Other examples:

- a 1 pulis ko dekhte hii wo bhaag calaa +gpb *a
 2 al + lekin bhaag nahII sakaa +g *pb
- a 1 as soon as he saw the police he made as if to
 run away
 2 -but he couldn't
- b 1 wo apnii gharwaalii ko bhii maar calaa +gpb *a
 2 bl + magar us ne use maarne nahII diyaa +g *pb
- b 1 he also tried to hit his wife
 2 -but she didn't let him

It should be noted that there is nothing about the main verbs ghus, bhaag or maar which permits in general the conative interpretation possible for cal-sequences. Other vectors when occurring with these main verbs express completion:²

- c 1 pulis ko dekhte hii wo bhaag gayaa +pgab
 2 cl + lekin bhaag nahII sakaa *pgab
- c 1 as soon as he saw the police he ran away
 2 -but couldn't
- d 1 wo apnii gharwaalii ko bhii maar baiThaa +pgb *a
 2 dl + magar us ne use maarne nahII diyaa *pb +g
- d 1 he also struck his wife
 2 -but she didn't let him

^{2/} For the demonstration of this for main verb ghus, see section 4.2.1.fn 2.

Two other vectors permit a conative interpretation for some speakers: uTh and, with intransitive main verbs, de.³ Other examples:

- e 1 apne pati ke dehaant kii xabar sun kar wo ro
uThii +gpb *a असह्यमाना लाया।
- 2 el + lekin xuSii kii wajah se ro nahII sakii +g *p
 *b
- e 1 when she heard the news of her husband's death
 she burst into tears
- 2 -but she was too pleased to cry
- f 1 ahmad yahAA se cal diyaa +gpab निश्चय से
- 2 fl + magar ham ne use pakRe rakhaa +g OKp *ab
- f 1 ahmad started to leave here
- 2 -but we kept hold of him

Again, other vectors with these main verbs express completion of the activities denoted.⁴

Other vectors, too, while usually expressing completion, with some main verbs do not:⁵ -को न करने/आने/देने

- g 1 raam Gusse mE aa kar mujhe fon kar baiThaa +pgb *a
- 2 gl + lekin mAI ghar par nahII thaa +pgb
- g 1 getting mad ram rang me up
- 2 -but i wasn't home

3/ See sentence sets b and k in section 4.2.1.

4/ Compare e and f with 4.2.1, w and m, respectively.

5/ For the usual completive sense of vector baiTh see sentence set d, this section, and set q in 4.2.1. For the completive sense of fon kar with vector le, see

While it would be very interesting to investigate just what it is that vectors cal, uTh, de_{in}⁶, etc., in these sentences do express (if not completion⁷), such a discussion would take us away from the principal concern of this section: the relation of compound verbs as a class to the category of aspect. Before concluding that there is no systematic relation of the compound verb to perfective aspect⁸, we might consider whether it is correct to identify perfective aspect with the rather absolute concept of completion that the diagnostic test of the preceding section assumes.

The term 'aspect' implies 'point of view' not the completion or non-completion of some activity regardless of the speaker's point of view. If we take a more relative view of completion as our concept of the perfective aspect⁹, we can show that its expression is a distin-

6/ By de_{in} we mean that vector de which occurs with intransitive main verbs and does not admit the post-position ne with the agent. Van Olphen 1970 similarly divides vectors into homophones on the basis of divergent semantic and syntactic properties: pp 165-67.

7/ Several writers suggest that these vectors express inception. See Van Olphen for a review of their views: pp 158-62. It is interesting that all these vectors that admit a conative interpretation are intransitive.

8/ The consequences would be serious as expression of aspect is the only semantic function so far proposed.

9/ A view that is consonant at least with Forsyth's definition of the Russian perfective aspect as expressing "the action as a total event summed up with reference to a single specific juncture": p 8.

guishing feature of the category vector verb¹⁰.

4.2.3 Relative completion and the compound verb

In Hindi there is a construction using jab tak...
tab tak... in which the completion of one action at a
given moment in time is opposed to the non-completion of
another. For example, in

a 1 jab tak mAI wahAA pahUcaa tab tak wo calaa gayaa
 thaa +gapb

by the time i got there he had already gone
the action of arriving with respect to the action of
going away is incomplete, while the action of going
away is with respect to the action of arriving complete.
It is in the expression of an action incomplete not in
an absolute sense but relative to some other action that
we may not have the compound verb:

a 2 jab tak mAI wahAA pahUc gayaa tab tak wo calaa
 gayaa thaa *gapb

Similarly in the expression of an action that is seen as
complete with reference to some other action we must
have the compound verb:

a 3 jab tak mAI wahAA pahUcaa tab tak wo gayaa thaa
 *gapb (Delhi: g)

10/ Although even here the criterion of grammaticaliza-
tion is necessary to distinguish conjunct sequences.

CV = perfective (~~or~~ ^{relatively} complete) & NOT absolute completion
simple verb = imperfective (or relatively incomplete)

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a 4 jab tak mAI wahAA pahUcaa tab tak wo calaa thaa¹

*gab Up (reminiscent of Panjabi Urdu: g)

It is in the jab tak...tab tak...-construction of this type² that we find a thorough-going, complete and unambiguous distribution of all compound verbs (as defined by the criteria discussed in section 3) and all corresponding simple verbs in, respectively, perfective (or relatively complete) and imperfective (or relatively incomplete) aspectual meaning. Not only that but verb-verb sequences which on the basis of the grammaticalization of one of the members alone might be included among the compound verbs are on the basis of this semantic property excluded. That is, the criteria 'sensitivity to negation' (3.3.2) and 'expression of relative completion' yield us parallel results if we use either one of them to define the set of compound verbs.

Since this is the only generalization we make here which extends to all compound verbs³ and since it is one that has class-discriminating power we set out the data on which it is made in full: a jab tak...tab tak...-sentence for each of the vector verbs showing I, that the

1/ jaa 'go' and cal in the sense of 'leave' have both of them the same compound counterpart: cal@ jaa.

2/ There is another jab tak...tab tak...-construction of quite different meaning and having quite different restrictions on verb manifestation: see 4.3.3.5.

3/ And which has to do with semantics. We do not wish to claim that there are no others, of course.

Positive Evidence	Jab tak <u>Simple verb</u> relatively incomplete	tab tak <u>cv</u> relatively complete
Negative Evidence	Jab tak * cv	* tab tak <u>Simple verb</u>

vector in question may not occur in the jab tak-clause; II, that it may occur in the tab tak-clause; and III, that the corresponding simple verb may not occur in the tab tak-clause. Since we use the second sentence of each set in section 4.2.1 as the basis for the relevant jab tak- and tab tak-clauses wherever possible, we have in most cases omitted glosses.

b 1 jab tak wo injan harkat mE le aayaa *pb Wg

2 laayaa +gpb

tab tak mAI wahAA pahUc gayaa thaa⁴

b 3 4 jab tak mAI wahAA pahUcaa tab tak wo injan harkat

mE le aayaa thaa +gpb laayaa thaa *gpb

c 1 2 jab tak sabzii pak aaii⁵ *gp pakii +gp

tab tak mAI wahAA pahUcaa gayaa thaa

c 3 4 jab tak mAI wahAA pahUcaa tab tak sabzii

pak aaii thii +gp (*ab) pakii thii *g Up

c 1 2 by the time the vegetable had gotten nearly cooked

i had already gotten there

c 3 4 by the time i got there the vegetable had already

nearly cooked

d 1 jab tak Sokgrast aurat apne kapRe phaaR uThii *gpb

2 jab tak Sokgrast aurat ne apne kapRe phaaRe +gpb

tab tak mAI wahAA pahUc gayaa thaa

4/ The tab tak-clause is to be construed for both b1-b2.

5/ Set c deals with vector aa while set b deals with a rather exceptional sequence. See 4.2.1.fn 1.

- h jab tak mAI wahAA pahUcaa tab tak
 3 riitaa gaay kaa goSt khaa cukii thii +gpb
 4 riitaa ne gaay kaa goSt khaayaa thaa *gb Up
 i 1 jab tak us ne apne pati ko Saraabii banaa choRaa
 2 *gpb banaayaa +gpb
 tab tak wo buuRhaa ho gayaa thaa
 i jab tak us kaa pati buuRhaa huaa tab tak us ne
 3 us ko Saraabii banaa choRaa thaa +gpb
 4 banaayaa thaa *gp Ub
 (wo buuRhaa ho gayaa 'he became an old man')
 j 1 jab tak mAI ne is baat ko suljhaa kar choR diyaa
 2 *gpb suljhaa kar choRaa⁶ *g
 3 suljhaayaa +gpb +pb
 tab tak pAAc baj gae the
 j jab tak pAAc baje tab tak mAI ne is baat ko
 4 suljhaa kar choR diyaa thaa +gb *p
 5 suljhaa kar choRaa thaa⁷ +g *pb
 6 suljhaayaa thaa *g Upb
 (pAAc baj gae 'it struck five')

6/ The inadmissability of j2 (as well as z-2) is another piece of evidence that distinguishes compound verbs in kar from conjunct sequences in kar:
 a jab tak mAI raam ko sTeSan par choR kar aayaa +gp
 tab tak pAAc baj gae the +ab
 Speaker p's acceptance of j2 follows from 3.6.3.d1: Kp

7/ See footnote 6 above and contrast j5 (and z-5) with:
 jab tak pAAc baje tab tak mAI raam ko sTeSan par
 a b choR kar aayaa thaa *gb Wp choR aayaa thaa +gpb
 by the time it struck five i had come from leaving ram at the station

- k 1 jab tak raam fenii pii gayaa *gapb
 2 jab tak raam ne fenii pii +gapb
 tab tak mAI wahAA pahUc gayaa thaa
- k jab tak mAI wahAA pahUcaa tab tak
 3 raam fenii pii gayaa thaa +gapb
 4 raam ne fenii pii thii *ga Upb
- L 1 jab tak mariiz khaRaa ho gayaa *gapb
 2 khaRaa huaa +gapb
 tab tak mAI wahAA pahUc gayaa thaa
- L jab tak mAI wahAA pahUcaa
 3 tab tak mariiz khaRaa ho gayaa thaa +gapb
 4 khaRaa huaa thaa Dgapb⁸
- m 1 jab tak raadhaa ne raam kii ciTThii paRh Daalii
 2 *gapb paRhii +gapb
 tab tak wo wahAA pahUc gayaa thaa
- m jab tak raam wahAA pahUcaa tab tak
 3 raadhaa ne us kii ciTThii paRh Daalii thii +gpb
 OKa
 4 paRhii thii *ga Upb
- n 1 2 jab tak wo cillaa dii *gapb cillaaaii +gapb
 tab tak bhuut gum ho gayaa thaa
- n jab tak bhuut gum huaa tab tak wo
 3 4 cillaa dii thii +gpb OKa cillaaaii thii *ga Upb
 (bhuut gum ho gayaa 'the ghost disappeared')

8/ Although khaRaa huaa thaa is acceptable here it expresses not an act but a state. That is, thaa is the main verb and khaRaa huaa is a predicate adjective:
 a the patient was standing until i got there

- o 1 jab tak us ne mujhe paise de diye⁹ *gapb
 2 diye +gapb
 tab tak pAAc baj gae the
- o jab tak ham yahAA aae tab tak us ne mujhe paise
 3 4 de diye the +gapb diye the *ga Upb
 p jab tak pahlwaan ne apne pratidwandwii ko
 1 2 dabaa dharaa *?g *b +p dabaayaa +gpb
 tab tak mAI wahAA pahUc gayaa thaa
- p jab tak mAI wahAA pahUcaa tab tak pahlwaan ne
 3 apne pratidwandwii ko dabaa dharaa thaa +gpb
 4 dabaayaa thaa *g Upb
- q 1 jab tak ahmad yahAA se cal niklaa¹⁰ *gpb
 2 calaa +gpb
 tab tak pAAc baj gae the
- q jab tak pAAc baje tab tak ahmad yahAA se
 3 4 cal niklaa thaa +gpb calaa thaa *gb Ap
 r braaso lagaa lagaa kar jab tak us kii talwaar
 1 2 camak niklii¹¹ *gb +p camkii +gpb
 tab tak us ke haath burii tarah chil gae the
- r jab tak us ke haath braaso lagaa lagaa kar chile
 3 tab tak us kii talwaar xuub camak niklii thii +gpb
 4 camkii thii *g Upb

9/ See section 4.2.1.fn 4.

10/ See section 4.2.1.fn 5.

11/ See section 3.6.6, sentence q. (us ke haath burii.
 this hands were rubbed with)

- s 1 jab tak raam ne gaNit kaa praSn suljhaa nikaalaa
 2 *gb +p suljhaayaa +gb Wp
 tab tak mAI wahAA pahUc gayaa thaa
- s jab tak mAI wahAA pahUcaa tab tak raam ne gaNit
 3 kaa praSn suljhaa nikaalaa thaa +gpb
 4 suljhaayaa thaa *g Upb
- t Daakuu kaa cuTkalaasun kar jab tak mAI
 1 2 hAs paRaa *gapb hAsaa +gapb
 tab tak wo bhaag niklaa thaa
- t jab tak Daakuu ne cuTkalaas puuraa kiyaa tab tak
 3 4 mAI hAs paRaa thaa +gp OKa hAsaa thaa *ga Upb
 +b
 (wo bhaag niklaa 'he ran away'; Daakuu ne cuT-
 kalaas puuraa kiyaa 'the dacoit finished his
 story')
- u jab tak mohan mumbaapurii kaa darwaazaa khol
 1 paayaa tab tak mAI wahAA pahUc gayaa thaa +gp¹²
 *ab
 jab tak mohan ne mumbaapurii kaa darwaazaa
 2 kholaa tab tak mAI wahAA pahUc gayaa thaa +gapb
- u jab tak mAI wahAA pahUcaa tab tak
 3 mohan mumbaapurii kaa darwaazaa khol paayaa thaa
 +gpb ?a Ap Up
 4 mohan ne mumbaapurii kaa darwaazaa kholaa thaa
 *ga Upb

12/ paa (along with sak) as 'anti-vector verb' is able to occur in jab tak-clauses. See discussion in section 3.2.6.

- v 1 pulis ko dekh kar jab tak wo uTh baiThii *gab Wp
 2 uThii +gapb
 tab tak mAI wahAA pahUc gayaa thaa
- v jab tak mAI wahAA pahUcaa tab tak pulis ko dekh
 3 4 kar wo uTh baiThii thii +gapb uThii thii *gab JTp
 OKa
 w 1 jab tak haraamxor saalan khaa maraa *gapb
 2 jab tak haraamxor ne saalan khaayaa +gapb
 tab tak pAAc baj gae the
- w jab tak mAI wahAA pahUcaa tab tak haraamxor
 3 saalan khaa maraa thaa +gapb O?a
 4 ne saalan khaayaa thaa *ga Upb
- x 1 jab tak baap ne use ghar se bhagaa maaraa *?g *pb
 2 bhagaayaa +gapb
 tab tak wo biimaar ho gayaa thaa
- x jab tak mAI wahAA pahUcaa tab tak baap ne use
 3 ghar se bhagaa maaraa thaa +pb Og
 4 bhagaayaa thaa *g Upb
- y 1 jab tak mAI ne upaay soc rakhaa *gb Wp
 2 socaa +gapb
 tab tak pulis wahAA pahUc gaii thii
- y jab tak pulis wahAA pahUcii tab tak mAI ne upaay
 3 4 soc rakhaa thaa +gb Kp socaa thaa *g Upb
- z jab tak us ne apnii dilcasp baatO se sab ko
 1 2 hAsaa kar rakh diyaa *gapb hAsaa kar rakhaa *gapb¹³

¹³/ See footnote 6 above.

z 3 hAsaayaa +gapb

tab tak mAI wahAA se calaa gayaa thaa

z jab tak mAI wahAA pahUcaa tab tak us ne apnii

4 dilcasp baatO se sab ko hAsaa kar rakh diyaa thaa

5 +gapb hAsaa kar rakhaa thaa *pb

6 hAsaayaa thaa *g Upb Og

(mAI wahAA se calaa gayaa 'i went away from there

aa 1 2 jab tak wo palang par so rahii *gb soii +gb

tab tak mAI wahAA pahUc gayaa thaa

aa jab tak mAI wahAA pahUcaa tab tak wo palang par

3 4 so rahii thii +gb soii thii *g Ub

aa 3 4 by the time i got there she had gone to sleep
on the bed

ab apne pati ke dehaant kii xabar sun kar jab tak wo

1 2 ro lii *gapb roii +gapb

tab tak mAI wahAA se cal diyaa thaa

ab jab tak mAI wahAA se calaa tab tak apne pati ke

3 dehaant kii xabar sun kar wo ro lii thii +gapb

4 roii thii *ga Upb

(mAI wahAA se cal diyaa 'i left there')

ac 1 jab tak raajaa ne taswiir banaa lii *gapb

2 banaaaii +gapb

tab tak das mahiine biit gae the (see 4.2.c2)

ac jab tak mAI wahAA pahUcaa tab tak raajaa ne tas-

3 4 wiir banaa lii thii +gapb banaaaii thii *ga Upb

(das mahiine biit gae 'ten months went by')

- ad 1 jab tak wo saarii mahfil rijhaa le gaii *gab +p
 2 jab tak us ne saarii mahfil rijhaaii +g OKa Wp
 tab tak paanii barasne lagaa thaa
- ad jab tak paanii barsaa tab tak
- 3 wo saarii mahfil rijhaa le gaii thii +gabp
 4 us ne saarii mahfil rijhaaii thii *gabp
 (paanii barasne lagaa 'it began to rain')
- ae 1 jab tak mohan darwaazaa toR sakaa +g¹⁴ *b
 2 jab tak mohan ne darwaazaa toRaa +gb
 tab tak pulis wahAA pahUc gaii thii
- ae jab tak pulis wahAA pahUcii tab tak
- 3 mohan darwaazaa toR sakaa thaa +gb (*ap)
 4 mohan ne darwaazaa toRaa thaa *g Ub

From sentence sets u and ae we may observe that the jab tak-clause permits the presence of the 'anti-vectors' paa and sak and thus discriminates them from the vectors as such. Other verb-verb sequences in which the second element is grammaticalized~~x~~ are distinguishable from vector sequences by their inability to occur in the tab tak-clause:

- af jab tak wo pahUcii tab tak mAI khaanaa khaae hue
thaa *gap +b (see 3.4.3.r)
 i had already eaten by the time she arrived
- ag jab tak bhaaSaN Suruu huua tab tak raam ye baa-
tE kahtaa rahaa thaa *gap (Upb)

ag ram had kept saying these things by the time
the speech started

Of course, we would not expect the -t@ rah of ag to be admissible here since its function is not to express the completion of the action denoted by the main verb relative to some other action, but precisely the non-completion of such action relative to some other action.

As in:

ah jab tak bhaaSaN Suruu ho na gayaa tab tak raam
ye baatE kahtaa rahaa thaa +gapb
ram had kept saying these things until the speech
started¹⁵

However, -t@ rah in those idioms where it expresses completion rather than continuation is an exception:

ai jab tak yuddh xatam huua tab tak nek log is duni-
yaa se jaate rahe the +gpb (see 3.4.3.g)
by the time the war was over all the virtuous
people had disappeared from this world

aj jab tak raam ne botal xaalii kii tab tak us kaa
sankoc jaataa rahaa thaa +gb ?p (see 3.4.3.f)
by the time ram had emptied the bottle his ill-
ease had departed him

The -t@ rah in ai and aj must therefore be classed as
(an idiomatic¹⁶) vector verb.

^{15/} This type of 'until'-construction is discussed further in section 4.3.3.5.

The grammaticalized element rah@ h- 'be -ing' is also excluded from the class of vector verbs by its inability to express relatively complete action:

ak kal jab tak raat Dhalii tab tak wo wahAA aa ra-
 haa thaa *gapb

he was coming there by the time it got light¹⁷
rah@ h- like -t@ rah expresses incompletion of an activity relative to another action. As such both rah@ h- and -t@ rah are to be considered neither perfective nor zero-aspect (unmarked) forms but rather marked imperfective forms.¹⁸

As we have remarked before¹⁹ there is a degree of functional parallelism between the compound verb and the conjunct verb with kar deleted on the one hand and the simple verb and the conjunct with undeleted kar on the other:

al 1 jab tak wo kah aayaa ki aaj raam aaEge *gab Wp
 2 kah kar aayaa ki aaj raam aaEge +gapb
 tab tak raam xud pahUc gae the
 by the time he got back from announcing ram would
 come that very day ram himself had arrived

^{17/} Contrast this with:

a kal jab tak raat Dhalii tab tak wo wahAA aa
 gayaa thaa +gapb
 he had come by the time it got light yesterday

^{18/} There are differences of course in the types of imperfectiveness each of these forms may express.

- al jab tak raam xud pahUce tab tak wo
- 3 kah aaii thii ki we aaj aaEge +gapb
- 4 kah kar aaii thii ki we aaj aaEge *ab Vg JTp
- (5 kah kar aa gaii thii ki we aaj aaEge +gapb)

by the time ram himself arrived she'd returned

from announcing that he would come that day

This suggests that the transformation ("kar-Deletion") discussed in section 3.2.1 is governed by the presence of perfective aspect as a feature on the second main verb. Since the transformation as formulated by Bahl demands the presence of a vector with the second main verb in order to apply, it follows automatically that such perfective aspectual features are indeed present. However, although the form:function parallel between compound verb and kar-less conjunct verb has been in this way captured by Bahl's formulation, the question of why such a parallel should exist or of how it might develop remains open.²⁰

In any event given this parallel in form and semantic function, the criterion of grammaticalization is still required to distinguish compound verbs from conjunct sequences.

^{20/} Of course, such a parallel lends further weight to the oft-repeated speculation that compound verbs in Hindi at some point in time developed from the figurative use of conjunct sequences. See 3.2.3.fn 12. The qualifications we have discussed above on the equivalence implied by relating sentences like al-3 to al-5 via the rule of kar-Deletion may provide insights into the details of such a figurative usage. See section 3.2.1 for a discussion of the rule.

4.3 Environments and the manifestation of the simple:compound verb

Writers on the Hindi compound verb often seem unable to decide what if anything governs the choice of a compound verb over a simple or vice versa:

"Sometimes the second member of the compound may strengthen, intensify, or otherwise affect the force of the earlier word, but in many cases it does not, but can be only regarded as an alternative way of saying what would be expressed by the simple verb. ... In the following sentence ...who can say that lenaa adds any additional force?

is kaa wo pahle hii Thiik Thiik wicaar
kar letaa hai +gapb
he gives in the first place a very careful
consideration to this matter
wicaar kartaa hai would give just the same mean-
ing." 1/

In their attempts to account for this alternation, writers have ascribed it to a number of variable factors:

- I. 'emphasis',² II. 'affirmation',³ III. 'more common colloquially',⁴ 'the turn of the speaker's interest',⁵

1/ Greaves 1933, p 331. However, informants disagree:
a is kaa pahle hii Thiik Thiik wicaar kartaa hai #*gb
See discussion in section 4.3.4.1. Wap
Other statements on the apparent optionality of the
simple:compound alternation: Burton-Page 1957, p 472;
Bahl 1967, pp 335-9; Pořízka 1969, pp 35-40; Kellogg,
paragraph 429; Van Olphen 1970, p 156.

2/ Barker 1967, vol I, p 391.

3/ Southworth 1971, p 121.

4/ Kellogg, paragraph 429 and Southworth 1971, p 121. Rejected by Pořízka 1969, p 31.

V. 'non-final vs. final clause',⁶ VI. 'Stilmittel'.⁷

While it is true that all of these suggestions will probably turn out to have some bearing on the question of the distribution of the simple:compound verb, there has been little or no attempt to collect evidence or analyse data in support of any one of them. In fact, the very optionality intuited by many grammarians in the choice of simple as opposed to compound verb has never been investigated let alone demonstrated. While a number of contexts have been noted in which compound verbs may not occur⁸ and one or two attempts have been made to relate these contexts of non-occurrence to the supposed functions of the simple:compound opposition,⁹ no attempt has ever been made to discover contexts in which compound verbs must occur, although one or two

6/ McGregor 1972, p 105:

"A Hindi speaker will often feel that an idea expressed by means of a simple verb is somehow incomplete and presupposes something following in the same sentence, whereas use of a compound verb rounds off a sentence more effectively."

Similar suggestions are made by Barker 1967, vol I, p 391, and by Hacker 1958, paragraph 94.

7/ "Die explizierenden Verben sind in gewissen Ausmass logisch entbehrlich, obwohl die Aussage, wenn sie da sind, irgendwie anders ist, als wenn sie fehlen. Ihre Verwendung hangt weitgehend vom Er-messen des Sprechers ab. Sie sind Stilmittel."
Hacker 1958, paragraph 93.

8/ See individual 'simple environments' below: 4.3.2.1-9.

9/ See section 4.3.2.1.fn 2.

writers have recognized the possibility of such compound environments and signaled their importance for an ultimate understanding of the compound verb.¹⁰

Our procedure in this section (4.3) will be to discover, delimit and generalize as many simple and compound environments as possible. Many of the simple and all of the compound environments are being noted here for the first time. From an analysis and comparison of these environments certain further statements will be made concerning the fundamental semantic distinctions that are projected onto the simple:compound opposition and concerning the syntactic conditions that further limit its manifestation. Where possible differences between these semantic distinctions and those ascribed to aspect will be noted.

Unfortunately because of limitations of time and space it has not been possible to check the applicability of these statements to compound verbs containing each of the twenty-four items listed in section 3.6. We have limited our enquiry usually to the three most frequently occurring and semantically least marked vectors: le, de and jaa.

10/ Bahl 1967 speaks of such obligatory occurrence of vector verbs: p 353. In Bahl 1964, he provides some examples of utterances in which a compound verb may not be replaced by a simple. However, it seems he has chosen not to identify the operative factors in those sentences that demand a compound manifestation: p 28. (Bahl) cites the importance of such cases: p 2.

4.3.1 Neutral environments

For the discussion which follows it is useful to establish a few neutral environments: that is, environments in which either the simple or compound verb may appear with a minimal difference in meaning.¹ To minimize the possibility of there being great variability in implicit elements (depending on the choice simple:compound) preceding or following a given environment, we present the neutral environments in the form of self-contained discourses:²

a A: bataao, aaj subah kyaa huaa?

B: aaj subah chai baje ek aadmii ne is kamre me mujhe

1 2 apnaa naam bataayaa +sdgpb bataa diyaa +sdgb Wp

A: tell me what happened this morning

B: this morning at six o'clock a man told me his name

1/ A difference slight enough to be unrenderable in the English gloss. It seems a priori impossible to rule out the possibility that even in the most neutral environments the use of the compound as opposed to the simple verb (or vice versa) is conditioned by a difference, however minimal, in what the speaker wishes to express. However, since our purpose here is merely to contrast neutral environments with other environments that block either a simple or a compound manifestation of verbs occurring in them, it is enough to find environments that permit either a simple or compound verb in roughly the same meaning. Bahl 1964 presents some similar examples: p 30.

2/ The qualification 'self-contained' should be taken with a grain of salt: speakers were asked to imagine that A walks in, has the given exchange with B (and then walks out) when reporting on acceptability.

take sth with a pinch of salt
" to think that sth is not likely to be true, believe sth only partly.

in this room

b A: aaj kyaa huaa, tumhE pataa calaa? hamaare makaan
 1 2 mE ek sAAR ghusaa +dpb Wsg ghus gayaa +sdgpb
 did you hear what happened today? a bull got
 into our house

c A: bataao aaj subah kyaa huaa?

B: aaj subah chai baje hamaare makaan mE ek sAAR

1 2 ghusaa +db Wsp *g ghus gayaa +sdgp Wb

d A: aaj kyaa huaa tumhE pataa calaa? ek aadmii ne is

1 kamre mE mujhe apnaa naam bataayaa +sdgpb

2 bataa diyaa +sdgpb

It may have occurred to the reader that this procedure of cross-checking environments and utterances yields not only a class of environments that are neutral with respect to manifestation but also a class of main verbs that are neutral with respect to manifestation.³ The term 'neutral' might be more accurately defined as 'indeterminate enough to accommodate with fair ease what[?] ever change in meaning may be occasioned by replacing a compound verb with its corresponding simple or vice versa'. That there are such changes in meaning is of course the basic assumption on which this research is undertaken."

3/ See the discussion of 'simplicia tantum' and 'composita tantum' in sections 4.4.1 and 4.4.2.

4.3.2 Simple environments (i.e. those preferring SV)

Simple environments are those which do not permit the expression of an activity by means of a compound verb at all or which strongly prefer ('sound much better with') a simple verb. We limit ourself here to an enumeration and analysis of simple environments which call for finite verb forms.¹

4.3.2.1 Simple environments: negative expressions

That compound verbs do not occur in most types of negative expressions is one of the most frequently noticed properties of their syntax.¹ The number of writers who have in any way attempted to give some sort of explanation for this phenomenon is considerably less.²

1/ Pray (mimeo), pp 7-8, discusses some non-finite simple environments: stative participles and continuative participles (baiThaa huaa aadmii 'the seated man' and aataa huaa aadmii 'the coming man' are respective examples). It is on the inadmissability of the compound verb in such participial forms that he bases his suggestion that 'perhaps compound stems are the only truly aspectual forms in the verbal system...' (p 8)

1/ Barker 1967, vol I, p 392; Burton-Page 1957, p 472; Davidova 1958, p 229; Gaeffke 1967, pp 13-38; Hacker 1958, paragraph 94; Harley, p 61; McGregor 1972, p 104; Pahwa, p 245; Pořízka 1967, p 72; Pray 1970, p 139; Pray (mimeo), pp 8-9; Singh 1968, p 3; Van Olphen 1970, p 154; and Verma 1968, p 71.

2/ Six in all: Gaeffke, Hacker, Pahwa, Pray, Pořízka and Verma.

These explanations can be divided roughly into two groups: the 'semantic conflict theories' and the 'formal gap theories'.

In explanations of the first type there are sharp restrictions on the co-occurrence of compound verbs and negative elements because of a conflict or contradiction in the meaning of vector verbs as a class and negation:

"Verneinungen schliessen gewoehnlich eine entfaltete, konturierte Vorstellung des Geschehens aus. Daher wird die verneinende Antwort auf die soeben genannte Frage immer lauten: nahII aayaa, ohne Hilfsverb." 3/

Pahwa cites the 'idea of finality and completion' in a compound verb as being incompatible with negation.⁴ Verma compares the non-occurrence of compound verbs in negative expressions with their incompatibility with limiter hii⁵ and speculates that this may be a reflection of their 'comparatively definite flavor' conflicting with the 'affective' nature of such expressions.⁶

3/ Hacker 1958, paragraph 94. Quite like Hacker's is the explanation put forward by Gaeffke 1967:

"...eine Verneinung 'gewoehnlich eine entfaltete konturierte Vorstellung des Geschehens' ausschliesst. Explikative Hilfsverben, (= vectors PH) hingegen geben dem Geschehen, das durch den finiten Verbalstamm einer Hilfsverbverbindung (z. B. choR denaa) in allgemeiner Weise bezeichnet wird, ein hohes Mass an Bestimmtheit. Das verbieht ihre Verwendung in verneinten Saetzen." : p 13.

4/ P 245.

5/ See discussion below in section 4.3.2.2.

6/ Verma 1968, pp 71 and 75.

Those⁷ who subscribe to the 'formal gap theory' connect the relative paucity of negated compound verbs with the absence of a negative conjunctive participle in Hindi. That is, instead of

a 1 wo dastaane na pahn kar aayaa⁸ *gpb

he came without (putting on) his gloves

as the negative counterpart of

b wo dastaane pahn kar aayaa +gpb

he came with his gloves (put on)

one usually finds:

2 wo binaa dastaane pahne aayaa +pb OKg

Assuming that the compound verb has developed from conjunctive constructions like that of b⁹, one is to conclude that the restriction on negation of the former derives from a parallel restriction on the latter.

With regard to the semantic conflict theories as proposed by Hacker, etc., one must state that it is hard to see why negation should conflict with the meanings they ascribe to the vector verb (and, hence, to the compound). As Pray puts it:¹⁰

7/ Pray (mimeo), p 9.

8/ Other languages in the area do have negative conjunctive participles. Pray (mimeo) cites Nepali nagarera 'not having done' corresponding to a hypothetical na kar ke in Hindi: p 9.

9/ See above, section 3.2.3, fn 12.

10/ Pray (mimeo), p 9.

"...it seems quite possible to conceive of negation of a perfective act: 'he ate up the food/ he didn't eat up the food'."

Similarly it is not at all inevitable that the idea of finality (Pahwa) or Bestimmtheit (Hacker, Gaeffke) should be incompatible with negation.

In turn the formal gap theory has its shortcomings. In the first place the non-existence of the conjunctive participle in negated form is not borne out by observation. We find utterances like:

c wo dastaane pahn kar nahII aayaa (abk 117) +gpb
 he came without (putting on) his gloves (see al-2)
 where from context it is clear that it is not the act of coming (aa) but that of putting on (pahn) which comes under the scope of the negative element (nahII). One may also find overtly negated conjunctive participles of the type whose existence Pray denies:¹¹

d wo kuch na kah kar gaaRii se baahar dekhne lagaa
 not answering he began to look out (the window)
 of the car (abk 189) +gpb

And even negated conjunct participles with deleted kar:

e subah uThne par pataa calaa ki raatOraat wo laR-
 kii ghar se jaane kahAA calii gaii hai. baap ko

11/ Not to be confused with negations of conjunctive participles that do not express conjunction:

a us kaa abhinay, abhinay na ho kar, kewal cehre
 kaa wyaayaam thaa (abk 222) +gpb
 her acting was not really acting at all but only
 the (mechanical) exercising of the face

These are discussed in Dwarikesh 1971, pp 137-138.

bhii apnaa ataa-pataa nahII de gaii¹² +pgb

e when we got up the next morning we found out the girl had left in the middle of the night for parts unknown. she'd left without giving her address to her father even. (abk 185)

Conversely, if the paucity of negated compound verbs in Hindi derives from the absence of a negative conjunctive participle, then it would follow that in languages that do have such a participle one would expect to find negated compound verbs freely occurring. Unfortunately we are unable to give data bearing on this point from Indian languages known to possess such a negative conjunctive participle (Nepali, Tamil, etc.). However, Tajiki, an Eastern Iranian dialect possessing both a negative conjunctive participle and a system of compound verbs remarkably similar to that of Hindi¹³, has what appear to be identical restrictions on the occurrence of negated compound verbs.¹⁴

12/ It should be noted that sentence e is uttered by an uneducated woman who is probably a native speaker of Panjabi (Thakuraaain).

13/ First noted by Masica 1971, pp 188-99. Readers wishing to investigate this striking resemblance further should turn to Rastorgueva and Kerimova, pp 211-88.

14/ а ба роҳ даромад ва ба ақибаш нигоҳ накарда рафт
гирӣ (Rastorgueva and Kerimova, p 165)
 he went out into the street and began to go away
 without looking behind him
 Here нигоҳ накарда is a negative conjunctive participle whose literal morph-by-morph equivalent in Hin-

In sum, neither the semantic conflict nor the formal gap theories as these have been presented up to now seem to afford a particularly felicitous explanation of the absence of freely occurring negative compound verbs. It appears to this writer that of the two types, some form of semantic conflict theory is the more likely to provide such an explanation. Perhaps if it could be shown that all (or nearly all) negative statements express the non-performance of an activity relative to the performance of some other activity (that is, negative statements are always made in opposition to positive ones whereas the converse does not necessarily hold), then the expression of 'relative completion' that we propose as the function of the compound verb might very well be shown to be in essential conflict with negation. However, we offer this as little more than speculation and suggestion for an avenue of thinking about the problem.

di would be nigaah na-kar-ke 'having not looked'. Rastorgueva and Kerimova's comments on negated compound verbs in Tajiki parallel those of Gaeffke on Hindi:

"Отрицание при сложноепричастных глаголах в основном возможно в том случае, когда глагол выражает не подлинно реальное действие, а действие представляемое, подразумеваемое, желаемое и пр."

Rastorgueva and Kerimova 1964, p 280.

"...der groessere Teil (der verneinten Bestimmtheitsformen) drueckt Absichten, Aufforderungen, Gewuenshtes oder sogar Nichtgeschehenes (Reue) aus.": Gaeffke 1967, p 36.

We shall have occasion to cite some of the parallel data from Tajiki in our discussion of the individual

4.3.2.1.1 Negated compound verbs: Gaeffke's work

Among the numerous writers¹ who have observed that under certain conditions negation and compound manifestation may co-occur, Gaeffke is the one who has written at greatest length and detail.² In his monograph he collects a great number of negated compound verbs and attempts to account for them. Although Gaeffke's is an important and pioneering piece of research, it has several shortcomings: Almost all the examples of negated compound verbs have been culled from the works of Premchand. Many of these are not accepted by modern educated speakers of Hindi (unless they are told the examples are from Premchand). His account relies to a large extent on psychological explanations of particular utterances.³ One would like a more general, simpler, and more

1/ Barker 1967, vol I, p 392; Burton-Page 1957, p 473; Davidova 1958, p 229; Hacker 1958, paragraph 94, examples in paragraphs 68-9; McGregor 1972, p 104; Pahwa, p 245; Pořizka 1967 gives examples, p 229; Pray 1970, p 157, fn 24; Pray (mimeo), pp 10-11; Van Olphen 1970, p 155.

2/ In Gaeffke 1967, pp 13-38. Reviewed by Kachru in Language, vol 46:4, pp 968-75; criticized in part by Van Olphen 1970, p 155; and discussed in Pray (mimeo), pp 10-11.

3/ For instance, on bhuul na jaaiegaa (p 14): "Wird der Mann in der Lage sein, ueber seine Gefuehle Herr zu werden? Der weitere Verlauf des Romanes zeigt, welch schreckliche Folgen der Ausbruch der Leidenschaft unter diesen Menschen hat."

predictive account. Gaeffke's classification of environments permitting negated compound verbs is totally based on his analysis of their semantics; syntax is not considered. Environments that belong together are kept separate⁴ and those of entirely different types are occasionally lumped together⁵. However, although he wrongly excludes certain classes of negated compound verbs from his concluding generalization,⁶ it is in consonance with a view of the compound verb as expressing completion: "...stellen die Saetze der uebrigen Beispielgruppen (der verneinten Bestimmtheitsformen) nichtverneintes Geschehen dar." (p 36)

In the sub-sections which follow we discuss those examples from Gaeffke's collection which our more manipulative approach to the data may further elucidate. In general our goal will be to give an objective demonstration that the overall sense of a sentence having a negated compound verb is positive or that the corresponding

For further examples of such particularistic ex post facto exegesis see 4.3.2.1.2.fn 2 and 4.3.2.1.4.fn 6.

- 4/ Sections B, C and D, for instance, contain examples that may all be considered denials of an implied or explicit positive statement. (See section 3.3.2)
- 5/ The ninth example on page 18 of Gaeffke 1967 most certainly does not belong with the eight preceding.
- 6/ All the examples in pp 16-20 (except the one mentioned in the preceding footnote) are alike in not expressing "verneintes Geschehen" (real non-occurrence).

sentence without negation does not express the positive occurrence of an actual event but rather the eventual, contingent or conjectured occurrence of some imagined event.

4.3.2.1.2 Negated compound verbs: future imperatives

In section A¹ of his monograph Gaeffke discusses several prohibitives featuring compound verbs:

- a isii tarah sadaa kripaa driSTi rakhiégaa, bhuul na jaaiegaa, yahii merii winay hai +bdpg
always keep this good will of yours for me, do not forget, i pray you (pg 14 from n 137)
- b (rassii) choR na diijiegaa +bdpg
please do not let go (of the rope) (pg 15 from r 306)

Gaeffke's explanation for the compound verb in these instances rely as elsewhere on after-the-fact psychological analysis.² As a result much more general syntactic

1/ "Apotropäische Sprachgesten", pp 14-20.

2/ In a and b "...durch die Wahl der Verben choRnaa und bhuulnaa in den angeführten Zusammenhängen wird die Abweichung vom Erwarteten, das unheilvolle Missverhalten ins Bewusstsein gerueckt, und gerade das hofft der Sprecher durch eine nachdrueckliche Verneinung abzuwenden. ...die Moeglichkeit des unheilvollen Geschehens dem Sprecher drohend vor Augen steht.": p 16.

formance of an act at some time in the future; forms in
-o and -Ø (and in -ie), for the immediate present:

e yah baat abhii na bhuulo, baad mE

1 2 bhuul jaao *sdb Wp +g bhuul jaanaa +sdpgb

do not forget this thing now, forget it later

f 1 abhii na choRie, baad mE choRie *db +spg

2 choRiegaa +spdgb

3 abhii na choRo, baad mE choRo *sdpb +g

4 choRnaa +sdpgb

don't let go now, let go later

Thus the prohibitive of a compound verb may refer
only to the non-performance of eventual acts (as in set
h), not to that of actual ones (as in set g):

g kyaa ho rahaa hai, bhaaii? itnaa Sor

1 2 na macaanaa *sdgb Wp macaa na denaa *sdpgb

3 4 na macaao +sdpgb macaa na do *sdpgb

mAI tang huaa jaa rahaa hUU

what's going on, man? stop making so much racket!

i'm going out of my mind

h 1 2 kal itnaa Sor na macaao *sdpgb macaa na do *sdgb⁶

3 4 na macaanaa +sdpgb na macaa denaa +sdpgb

5 macaa na denaa +pg Od (if h5 is non-final: +b)

watch out you don't make so much noise tomorrow

⁶/ Speaker p finds h2 "OK". There may be an unconscious contamination of the response here by the acceptability of corresponding clauses in kahII: see footnote three above.

4.3.2.1.3 Negated compound verbs: expressions of fear

A great many of the examples Gaeffke considers in the first section of his monograph¹ contain or imply the element kahII, meaning roughly 'lest' or 'in case':

- a ekaaek munSiiijii ke man mE praSn uThaa: kahII
mansaaraam un ke bhaawO ko taar to nahII gayaa
+bsdgp

suddenly it occurred to munshi ji to wonder whether ('lest') mansaram might not have guessed what his feelings were (pg 19 from n 98)

- b meraa dil kAAp rahaa thaa ki kahII swaamii sacmuc
aatmaghaat na kar lE +sdbpg

i was worried to death that swami might really commit suicide (pg 17 from k 183)

It would appear that the negatives in these sentences are redundant elements. Indeed Kachru (1970) in her review of Gaeffke 1967 asks if sentences like a and b "...are instances of what Gaeffke labels negative sentences, the question arises what are the affirmative counterparts."² Deletion of the negative element in some cases is pos-

1/ Subsections b), c) and d) of section A: "Apotropaeischen Sprachgesten", pp 16-20.

2/ P 970. Kachru is not correct in stating that "kahII... na does not collocate with definite tenses such as present, past and future": p 970. See sentence a.

sible with little change in meaning:³

c ekaaek munSiijii ke man mE praSn uThaa: kahII

1 mansaaraam (ne) un ke bhaawO ko taaR gayaa +sd

2 (taaRaa⁴ +d *bpg) *bpg

suddenly it occurred to munshi ji to wonder whether mansaram might have guessed what his feelings were⁵

One would like to be able to explain the presence of such negatives: What is their source? And why are they found in expressions of fear and anxiety? Although this is not the place for an extended discussion of these questions⁶ we should like to present a few suggestions that may contribute (even if only as a puurwapakS) to an eventual solution.

In Hindi utterances expressing the emotional rela-

3/ Some speakers (sd) feel that c1 and 2 differ from a in their expressing a slightly more neutral attitude in the wonderer (munshi ji) toward the answer to his mental question. That is, sentence a connotes a rather greater degree of apprehension than c1 and c2.

4/ Deleting the negative element from a demands the deletion of the adversative particle to as well:
a ...kahII mansaaraam (ne) un ke bhaawO ko taaR to
b c gayaa *bsdgp to taaR gayaa *bsdgp to taaRaa *bsdgp
The simple manifestation of taaR 'guess' governs the agentive particle ne with the agent in the preterite.

5/ It is worth noting perhaps that the negative element can be deleted from the English gloss, too, with little change in meaning (certainly not the change from negation to affirmation usually encountered).

6/ The question is worth a dissertation in itself given the number of languages that differ on this point.

tion of an actor to some event or situation often contain linguistic elements whose English equivalents seem more proper to direct quotation:

- d mujhe yah aaScary huaa ki raam yahAA kyO aayaa
 hai +sdbgp
 i was surprised that ram had come there (literally: i was surprised that why has ram come here)
- e wo pachtaa rahii thii ki mAI itnii der baiThii
 kyO rahii +sdbgp
 she regretted having waited so long to act (literally: she was regretting that why did i sit so long)

Thus in Hindi, unlike English, the complements of such affectual expressions as aaScary ho 'be surprised' and pachtaa 'regret' imitate the typical utterances of those undergoing the affect:

- f raam yahAA kyO aayaa hai? +sdbgp
 why did ram come here?
 (may be an expression of surprise: +sdp *p)
- g mAI itnii der baiThii kyO rahii? +sdbgp
 why did i sit here so long?
 (may serve as an expression of regret: +sdbgp)

Similarly we might expect to find the complements of expressions of fear or anxiety doubling as typical utterances of one who fears or trembles:

- h kahII mansaaraammere bhaawO ko taaR to nahII
gayaa? +sdbgp
 mansaram hasn't guessed my feelings, has he?
- i kahII swaamii sacmuc aatmaghaat na kar lE +sdbgp
 if only swami doesn't really go ahead and commit
 suicide

Clearly the negative element in these independent utterances is not otiose. It is only their construction with expressions like dil kAAp which themselves incorporate a negative semantic element⁷ that make the negative element they contain appear (to speakers of English, at least) redundant.⁸

7/ The negative elements in these and other kahII-clauses that are the objects or complements of verbs of fear or anxiety have been compared by Van Olphen 1970 to the expletive ne in French that shows up in object clauses of verbs like craindre 'fear, be afraid'. Pray (mimeo), p 10, and Gaeffke 1967, p 17, both cite the ne governed by Latin timeo 'fear'. In Russian the complements of expressions of apprehension exhibit a similar redundant element: (Forsyth 1970, p.259)

a МАТЬ БОЯЛАСЬ, КАК БЫ ЕЁ СЫН НЕ ЗАБОЛЕЛ^P

the mother was afraid her son might become ill
 In German, too, the parallel construction contains an expletive negative particle. Gaeffke translates b as:

b mein Herz zitterte, dass mein Mann nicht etwa
 tatsaechlich Selbstmord begehe (p 17)

(Evidently in the context of b, swaamii is being used to refer to the husband of the speaker.) Gaeffke paraphrases this translation by two sentences conjoined:

c mein Herz zitterte (und ich dachte:), dass er sich
 nur nicht tatsaechlich umbringt (p 17)

8/ English is not alone in eschewing this element in parallel constructions. It is absent in Spanish, optional in French and, given the translations into German that Gaeffke gives of a number of such expressions in Hindi (p 18), optional in German as well.

This still leaves the question of the presence of compound verbs in these sentences open. As answers we have only the following two observations: I. What is being negated is not the positive expression of an event which at the moment of truth failed to occur. Rather, as in the preceding section, it is an eventual, unreal, imagined event whose negation is desired, not reported on.⁹ II. Expressions of fear and apprehension of the type we are considering here are semantically double-edged. That is, what is being expressed is not only the fear that X will occur or may already have occurred but also the hope that it will (or has) not. It may be that the opposed but complementary semantics of a positive fear and a negative hope may be related to the presence of two normally mutually exclusive but here complementary linguistic elements.¹⁰

9/ Interestingly when it is the non-performance of an event that is feared; its occurrence, desired; then the compound verb does not occur, nor does the optative, nor kahII:

	meraa	dil	kAAp	rahaa	thaa	ki	swaamii	sacmuc	aat-
a	b	maghaat	nahII	karEge	+bgp		na	karE	Db *gp
c	d	kar	nahII	lEge	*bgp		na	kar	lE Dbgp
	meraa	dil	kAAp	rahaa	thaa	ki	kahII	swaamii	sacmuc
e	f	aatmaghaat	nahII	karEge	*bg	+p	na	karE	Db *g Og
g	h	kar	nahII	lEge	*bgp		na	kar	lE Dbgp
		i	was	worried	to	death	that	swami	might really
								not	commit suicide

10/ In Russian the perfective which in certain negative environments (prohibition, НЕ НАДО, НЕ НУЖНО, etc.) does not or very rarely occurs, in constructions parallel to those discussed here must occur: Forsyth, 258-61, 227.

4.3.2.1.4 Negated compound verbs: with jab tak

In section H¹ of Gaeffke's monograph are instances of negated compound verbs in clauses introduced by jab tak 'until' or 'so long as':

a 1 jab tak un ke haath kaa kaur na paa letii +bsdgp
khaRii taaktii rahtii (g 111)²

she would just stand there staring in front of
her until she got a piece from their hand

It should be clear to the reader that the jab tak... clause exemplified here is fundamentally different from that discussed in section 4.2.3. In that case the action expressed by the verb in the jab tak-clause was incomplete relative to that expressed in the tab tak-clause. Here the action expressed by the verb in the jab tak-clause functions as a temporal term ad quem with respect to the action of the other clause. Thus in the jab tak-construction exemplified here we find a reversal of the

1/ 'Verneinte Nebensaetze fuer Geschehen, das verwirklicht werden soll (Geleubde u. a.)', pp 33-6.

2/ The sentence as quoted by Gaeffke is rather different:
a jab tak us ke haath kaa kaur na khaa lete khaRii
taaktii rahtii (pg 35 from g 113)
Although the edition before me (Ilahabad, Saraswati Press, 1966) is ten years later than the one used by Gaeffke (Banaras, Saraswati Press, 1956), the version of the sentence he quotes is unacceptable in the context and must be rejected. A casual glance at different editions or even different printings of the same work by Premchand turns up scores of the most appalling divergences, substitutions and deletions.

relation of completion holding between the two clauses. The action of getting the piece (of fodder) is complete (or viewed as complete) with respect to the action of staring.³ It is perfective.

Although this makes it clear why we find a compound verb in jab tak-clauses of this sort,⁴ the presence of the negative particle remains unexplained. Two questions suggest themselves: I. Is the negative particle redundant (cf section 4.3.2.1.2)? II. What permits it to occur with compound verbs here?

The redundancy or non-redundancy of na in sentence a depends largely on how we choose to translate jab tak. If we insist on 'until', the na appears to be

unnecessary

otiose; if we use 'so long as', it does not:

a so long as she didn't get a piece from their
 hand she would just stand there staring in front
 of her

It happens that most speakers do not accept sentence a without the negative particle:

3/ The temporal relations holding between actions that are expressed by jab tak-constructions of all types have been cogently and exhaustively described in Seguin 1973.

4/ In some cases the verb not only may but must be compound:

 tab tak muskaraate raho jab tak mAI foTo
a b kHIic na lUU +gbp na kHIicUU *gbp Wp
 keep smiling until i take the picture

In other cases some speakers accept a simple verb:
a jab tak un ke haath kee kaur na paatii tahn

a 2 jab tak un ke haath kaa kaur paa letii *bsdgp
 khaRii taaktii rahtii

However, a minority of speakers accept sentence a without a negative particle provided the verb in the jab tak-clause is simple⁵:

a 3 jab tak un ke haath kaa kaur paatii +b ?g Dp *ds
 khaRii taaktii rahtii

Assuming that the acceptability of a3 does not simply derive from contamination with the construction discussed in 4.2.3, we may hypothesize that for those speakers accepting a3 the introduction of na into an otherwise compound-verb-resistant jab tak-clause cancels this resistance.⁵ This evidently stems from the alpha-minus-alpha relation between two actions or states that jab tak-constructions of this type express: the occurrence (or non-occurrence) of an action or state X continues only so long as the occurrence (or non-occurrence) of some action or state Y. At that point the value of the feature OCCURRENCE on each of these actions (or states) is reversed. Thus the staring of the cow in sentence a can be seen either as occurring up until she gets a morsel or as continuing only so long as she does not. The non-staring of the cow may be seen as beginning

5/ Suggesting that an environment which is 'simple' on two separate counts becomes 'compound' or at least no longer resists compound verbs. See the discussion of double negatives below at 4.3.2.1.5.

either at the point at which she receives (or 'begins to have') the morsel or the point at which she ceases not receiving it. The negative compound verb in jab tak-clauses of this type suggests both of the opposite yet complementary aspects of the complex temporal relation they express⁶.

6/ For other examples of the use of a compound verb to express semantically double-edged relations, see the discussion of the Hindi equivalents of 'almost' in section 4.3.4.3, and of the negated compound with kahII in expressions of fear and apprehension in section 4.3.2.1.3.

In his discussion of jab tak-clauses of this type Gaeffke gets hopelessly entangled in explanations based on the individual and particular psychological motivations of the speaker. For instance, in a praN kar liyaa, jab tak candrahaar na ban jaaegaa, koi gahnaa na pahnUUgii (pg from Gaban 16)

she vowed, so long as the chain were not made, she would not put on any jewelry
the presence of the negated compound verb is made to depend on a "...besondere Widersetzlichkeit einer jungen Frau, die sich darueber aergert, dass ein erwuenshtes, besonders teures Schmuckstueck nicht unter ihren Hochzeitgeschenken war.": p 34. After a lengthy discussion of Indian marriage customs and this woman's emotional state, Gaeffke concludes that "...der...Sprecher wuenscht angelegentlich, dass das mit dem jab tak-Satz bezeichnete Geschehen sich verwirklichen moege. Auch hier kann man darum ohne weiteres von einem bejahenden Nebensinn des Nebensatzes sprechen, so dass das haeufige Auftreten von Bestimmtheitsformen in diesen Nebensaetzen verstaendlich wird.": p 34. Since any jab tak-clause can as we have seen above be interpreted either positively or negatively (jab tak mAI mar na jaaUUgaa... 'as long as i live' or 'until i die') it is hard to see how the negated compound verb can depend on the presence of a 'bejahenden Nebensinn'.

Russian has negative particles in the equivalent construction (as well as the perfective):

б ЗВОНИТЕ¹ ПОКА НЕ ОТВЕТЯТ²
ring until they answer (Forsyth, p 133)

4.3.2.1.5 Negated compound verbs: double negatives

In section F of his monograph¹ Gaeffke adduces examples where a compound verb is in some sense under the influence of two negative elements. These together create a positive, and thus, with respect to the manifestation of the simple:compound verb, a neutral environment:

- a koiI wajah nahII ki (lagaan) ghaTaa na diyaa jaae
(pg 31 from k 376) +bsgp *d

there is no reason not to reduce (the land rent)
The overall sense of this utterance is affirmative: 'reduce the rent!'. That each of the two negative elements in a blocks the occurrence when the other is absent is evidence that it is their simultaneous or synergistic influence that creates a compound-verb-receptive environment:

- b koiI wajah nahII jis kii wajah se yah kaam kar na
diyaa jaae² +bsdg *p

there is no reason not to do this

In Tajiki we find negated compound verbs in this clause:

- c TO ИН БАҶА А ХОНА БУРОМАЛА НАВАЛ, ОРОМИ НЕСТ
there will be no peace until this boy leaves the
house

1/ "Bejahung durch doppelte Verneinung": pp 31-32.

2/ Sentence a (the one cited by Gaeffke) had to be modified somewhat to allow the independent manipulation of its negative elements.

c koiI wajah nahII jis kii wajah se yah kaam

1 2 kar diyaa jaae *b Wsp +g kiyaa jaae +bsgp

there is no reason to do this

Sentence c differs from b in its having only one negative element, not two. For some speakers the presence of this one negative element is sufficient to suppress a compound manifestation of the verb even though it is in a different clause. If there is a negative element in the same clause as the verb (and the effect of that element is not cancelled by a second negative), then of course that verb may occur only as a simplex:

d koiI wajah to hai jis kii wajah se yah kaam

1 2 kar na diyaa jaae *bsgp na kiyaa jaae +bsg Bp

there is a reason not to do this

The control sentence allows either manifestation:

e koiI wajah to hai jis kii wajah se yah kaam

1 2 kar diyaa jaae +bsp Wg kiyaa jaae +gp

there is a reason to do this

We have stated that the compound:simple verb is in some sense¹ under the influence of negative elements to stress that neither the scope nor the restrictions on such influence is known.³ This influence appears to be in some (hopefully definable) respects unbounded and perhaps amenable only to a transformational account:

3/ In grammatical studies of English the phenomenon is known as 'negative polarity'.

f mAI nahII soctaa ki kooi wajah hai jis kii wajah
se yah kaam kar na diyaa jaae +bsg *p

i don't think there's any reason not to do this

g mAI nahII soctaa ki kooi wajah hai jis kii wajah

1 se yah kaam kar diyaa jaae *b Wsg +p

2 kiyaa jaae +bsgp

i don't think there's any reason to do this

In sentence sets f and g the pattern of permitted (or favored) simple:compound verbs is parallel to that of sets b and c respectively even though the influencing element is now two clauses distant. For our purposes the full account of such influence is not needed; it is enough that its mere existence be established.

There are, as Gaeffke himself notes⁴, other elements, not in themselves undeniably negative, which have an effect on the occurrence of compound verbs similar to that of overtly negative elements. For example, kam 'few':

h kam hAI jinhO ne aadhaa laagaan na de diyaa ho

(pg 31 from k 312) +bsdgp

there are few who haven't paid their (semi-annual)
rent

kam like nahII prevents the occurrence of compound verbs in some types of subordinate clauses unless its influ-

4/ "...sind es noch einige andere Zusammenhaengen...wobei in Nebensatz eine Bestimmtheitsform steht. Der Hauptsatz braucht dabei nur sinngemaess ein Nichtgeschehen oder auch nur ein sehr seltenes Geschehen...": p 31.

ence is canceled by the presence of a negative element' in such a clause:

i 1 kam log hAI jinhO ne yah kaam na kar diyaa ho

(2) +bsgp *d (kar na diyaa ho +sdgp *b)

there are few who have not done this

j 1 kam log hAI jinhO ne yah kaam kar diyaa ho *bd

2 +sgp kiyaa ho +bsdgp

there are few who have (ever) done this

Contrast the effect of an affirmative adjective such as do 'two' with that of kam:

k 1 do aadmii hAI jinhO ne yah kaam na kar diyaa *bsdgp
*p

2 (3) na kiyaa +bsd (nahII kiyaa +gp)

there are two men who haven't done this

l do aadmii hAI jinhO ne yah kaam kar diyaa +bsdgp

there are two men who have done this

Among these non-negative elements that behave like negatives are certain interrogative words: kaun 'who', kyO 'why', etc:

m kaun hai jis ne yah kaam na kar diyaa ho +bsdgp

who is there who hasn't done this

n 1 kaun hai jis ne yah kaam kar diyaa ho *bdg +sp

2 kiyaa ho +bsd Wp *g⁵

who is there who has (ever) done this

5/ Speaker g finds the optative unacceptable here:
a kaun hai jis ne yah kaam kar diyaa hai Wg *b +p
b kiyaa hai +gpb

o 1 2 kaun aa gayaa *bsdg⁶ Dp kaun aayaa +bsdgp

who came?

p 1 2 tum kyO aa jaate ho *b Dgp⁷ +sd aate ho +bsdgp

why do you come?

q tum kyO nahII aa jaate +bgp

why don't you come?

Given the tendency of certain interrogative elements to occur only with the simple verb⁸ we have further evidence to link their presence with the occurrence of negated compound verbs in expressions of exhortation, intention, regret and reproach discussed by Gaeffke without reference to the concept of double negation.⁹ However these remarks are made here more in order to draw attention to the question of why interrogative elements tend to behave like negatives with respect to the manifesta-

6/ Note, however, the acceptability of
 a yah kaun aa gayaa +gbp who do we have here?
 where the intention is rhetorical rather than truly
 interrogative. See section 4.3.2.7 ad el-2 and fl-2.

7/ Sentence p1 implies the speaker's dislike of or surprise at the action expressed. As a simple request for information only the simple verb may be used:
 tumhE dekh kar mujhe hameSaa XuSii hotii hai,
 a b lekin tum kyO aa jaate ho *gb +p aate ho +gbp
 i'm always glad to see you but why do you come?

8/ A tendency it should be noted which is not at all so strong as that of obviously negative elements to occur only with the simple verb. 'Preference' or 'partiality' might in fact be better terms.

9/ In section E: "Fragen im Sinne einer Aufforderung, eines Absichtssatzes, eines Ausdrucks der Reue und des Tadels (kyO na(hII))", pp 28-30.

tion of the simple:compound verb¹⁰ than to provide an explanation of the occurrence of negated compound verbs in this type of sentence.

Semantically these are quite disparate: suggestions and expressions of intention certainly do not denote completed acts, hence their negations need not express non-completion. In fact as Gaeffke suggests¹¹ the intent of a sentence like o is positive:

r bhairo tum cup kyO nahII ho jaate (pg 28 from r
19) +bsdgp

why don't you be quiet (=be quiet)

On the other hand expressions of reproach like

s ra. sir jhukaae cintaa mE Duubaa khaRaa thaa.
jaalpaa ne us kii daSaa jaan kar bhii cizO ko
kyO Thukraa nahII diyaa +bsgp *d

r. stood with his head down brooding. jalpa knew
his financial situation and yet why hadn't she
given up these things (pg 29 from Gaban 69)

are ineluctably negations, expressions of the real non-occurrence of an activity. At present we can do no more than record the presence of compound verbs in them.

10/ An attempt at explaining the preference for simple manifestation of some of these interrogative elements is made below in section 4.3.2.7.

11/ "Derartige meist mit kyO gestellte Fragen sind naturlich keine Verneinungen von Sachverhalten. Das Geschehen hat sich zwar noch nicht vollzogen, es wird sich aber ereigen, wenigstens nach dem Willen des Fragenden.": p 28.

4.3.2.1.6 Negated compound verbs: I'll be damned

There are yet other words or phrases which while not overt negatives share with the latter a partiality for the simple verb unless their compound suppressing power is canceled by some other negative element. Among these are a number of expressions corresponding roughly to the English I'll be damned if...¹

- a donO (ko)...yahAA se nikaal na diyaa to baap kaa
 nahII (pg 33 from r 351) +bsdgp
 if i don't drive the both of them out i'm a monkey's uncle
- b bAdhwaa na diyaa to kahnaa (pg 34 from r 357)+bsd
 +pg
 i'll be damned if i don't get this tied up

That this is another type of double negation becomes clear if we compare a and b with sentences which are the same except for the deletion of the negative particle. Then the overall sense of the sentence becomes negative and the simple verb is preferred to the compound:

- c 1 donO ko yahAA se nikaal diyaa *bg Wsd +p
 2 nikaalaa +bsdg to baap kaa nahII
 Wp
 i'll be damned if i send them both away

¹/ Gaeffke does not include these in his section F: "Bejahung durch doppelte Verneinung" where they would seem to belong. Rather he has them in H: "Verneinte Nebensätze fuer Geschehen, das verwirklicht werden soll (Geluebde u. a.)".

d 1 2 bAdhwaa diyaa *b Wsdgp bAdhwaayaa +bsdgp
to kahnaa

i'll be damned if i get this tied up

Similarly if the part of the sentence corresponding to I'll be damned if is replaced by an apodosis having a more positive connotation then the pattern of simple:compound manifestation observed in the protasis is reversed:

e 1 donO ko yahAA se nikaal na diyaa *gp +b

2 3 nikaal nahII diyaa *gpb nahII nikaalaa +gpb

to pitaa jii mujhe pAAc rupye de dEge

if i don't drive the both of them out my father
will give me five rupees

f 1 donO ko yahAA se nikaal diyaa +gpb

2 nikaalaa *gp +b to pitaa jii mujhe pAAc rupye
de dEge

if i send them both away from here my father will
give me five rupees

g 1 2 bAdhwaa na diyaa *gpb bAdhwaa nahII diyaa *gp
*b

3 nahII bAdhwaayaa +gpb to bahut acchaa rahegaa

it would be better for me not to get this tied up

h 1 2 bAdhwaa diyaa +gpb bAdhwaayaa +gpb

to bahut acchaa rahegaa

it would be very good if i could get this tied up

The difference in pattern between abcd and efgh

appears to parallel the distribution of any and some in the protases of sentences which are on the one hand threats (ij) and on the other promises (kl)²:

i 1 i'll be damned if i don't get some money today +
2 any money today (!)

j 1 i'll be damned if i get any money today +
2 some money today (!)

k 1 he will help if i don't get some money today *
2 any money today +

l 1 he will help if i get any money today *
2 some money today +

Thus it appears that the occurrence of negated compound verbs in the protasis of conditional sentences does not depend (or does not alone depend) on the compound verb suppressing properties of the protasis as such³ but on the overall affirmative:negative character of the sentence as a whole. Similar restrictions apply to the occurrence of the compound verb both with kyO na-hII and in other 'double-negative' environments.

2/ Discussed very elegantly in R. Lakoff 1969, pp 610-12.

3/ Although one or two grammarians have simply cited the agar-clause as an environment in which negated compound verbs are found: Barker, vol I, p 392 and Pahwa, p 245.

4.3.2.2 Simple environments: hii

The particle hii in some of its functions as a limiting element is incompatible with compound verbs¹:

- a 1 siitaa isii taaluge mE mar gaili thii *bdt Wgp +s
 2 marii thii +bsdtgp
 sita died in this very taluka (the one we are in;
 or, the one we are discussing)

- b 1 raam ne meraa hii kaam kar diyaa *bdt Wsgp
 2 kiyaa +bsdtgp
 ram just did my work (nobody else's)

When hii has an emphatic rather than a limiting function compound verbs may occur with it²:

- c 1 raam ne meraa hii kaam tamaam kar diyaa +bsgp *t
 2 tamaam kiyaa +bstgp
 ram really messed things up for me (compare b1-2)

Emphasis rather than restriction seems to be the function of hii in the adverbial expressions of time and place in the following:

- d 1 raam ne usii din raawaN kaa wadh kar diyaa +bsdg
 2 Wtp kiyaa +bstgp Wd
 ram killed ravan on the very same day

1/ First noted by Verma 1968, pp 70-72. However, as will become clear in the discussion below there are complexities which force a modification of this generalization.

2/ For another hii with compound verbs see 4.3.4.3.

e 1 siitaa usii taaluge mE mar gaili thii +bstg Wdp

2 marii thii +bsdtgp

sita died in the very same taluka (as, say, she was born in)

However, if the particle hii functions as an emphatic element in a deictic phrase then compound verbs do not occur (as in sentence al):

f 1 raam ne raawaN kaa wadh isii din kar diyaa *bdgp

2 Wt +s kiyaa +bsdtgp

ram killed ravan on this very day (contrast dl-2)

g 1 dekho, siitaa usii makaan mE mar gaili thii *bdtp

2 +sg marii thii +bsdtgp

look, sita died in that house (speaker points)

The hii of d and e which permits the occurrence of compound verbs we shall call 'emphatic hii' after Verma³. The hii of a, f and g which does not permit the compound verb we shall call 'deictic hii'. It should be noted that compound verbs may occur with deictic hii, if the environment is otherwise compound:

h 1 raam isii mahiine mE aa gayaa *bdt +sgp

2 aayaa +bsdtgp

ram came this very month

i 1 aaxirkaar raam isii mahiine mE aa gayaa +bsdtgp

2 aayaa *b Wdg +stp

3/ Verma 1968, pp 65-77. Verma's term is actually 'emphasior'.

ram has finally come this very month⁴

j wahAA dekho, jab tak raam ne siitaa ko DhUURhaa

1 tab tak wo usii makaan mE mar gaili thii +bsdp

2 Bg *t marii thii *bsdtgp

look over there, by the time ram found her sita
had died in that house (speaker points)⁵ (cf gl-2)

This compatibility with compound verbs in environments that are otherwise compound distinguishes deictic hii from the hii of the following:

k 1 raam ne hii raawaN kaa wadh kar diyaa *bdtp Wg +s

2 kiyaa +bsdtgp

ram was the one who killed ravan (no-one else)

l 1 raam ne raawaN kaa hii wadh kar diyaa *bt Wg Dd

2 +s kiyaa +bsdtgp

ravan was the (only) one ram killed

In sentence k emphatic hii ('that very ram') is not possible in normal speech. The only meaning possible for hii here is that of a limiting element ('only ram'). Indeed an item such as 'kewal' or 'sirf' can be added with no change in meaning, or speaker judgements of acceptability:

k 3 kewal raam ne hii raawaN kaa wadh kar diyaa *bdtp

4 +s Dp ('singlehandedly': +p) kiyaa +bsdtgp ?t

4/ For aaxirkaar as a 'compound environment' see section 4.3.3.4 below.

5/ For tab tak as a compound environment see section 4.2.3 above.

1 3 raam ne sirf raawaN kaa hii wadh kar diyaa *bsdtgp

4 kiyaa +bsdtgp

Thus in sentences k, l (and b) hii is acting as a limiting element, excluding other possibilities⁶. We shall call the hii that is a reflex of kewal...hii or of sirf ...hii 'limiter hii'.

Limiter hii distinguishes itself from deictic hii in that it conditions the simple verb in environments that are otherwise compound:

m 1 aaxirkaar sirf raam hii is mahiine mE aa gayaa

2 *bdtgp +s aayaa +bsdtgp

ram's the only one who finally came this month
(compare i1 and i2)

n dekho, jab tak raam yahAA aayaa tab tak siitaa hii

1 us makaan mE mar gail thii *bdtgp +s

2 marii thii +bdtgp Ds

look, by the time ram got here it was just sita
(and no-one else) who had died in that house over
there (speaker points) (contrast j1 and j2)

Time or place adverbials in hii are also incompatible with compound verbs if instead of the emphatic sense of hii in d and e they have the excluding sense of limiter hii:

6/ This excluding function of hii was first isolated and demonstrated by Verma 1966, pp 111-128. He derives it by deletions from a discontinuous element kewal...hii.

- o raam ne jis din raawaN ko pakRaa usii din us kaa
 1 2 wadh kar diyaa +bsdtgp kiyaa +bsdt Wgp
 (duusre din tak nahII rukaa)
 ram killed ravan on the very day he caught him
 (without waiting even until the next)

Here hii emphasizes and underlines the identity of the day on which Ravan was caught and the day he was killed. It is not intended as an explicit and deliberate denial of his being killed on some other particular day. Contrast this with:

- p jo din mAI kah rahaa thaa usii din raam ne raawaN
 1 2 kaa wadh kar diyaa *bsdtgp kiyaa +bsdtgp
 (us din nahII jo tum kahte ho)
 ram killed ravan on the day i said he did (and
 not on the day you claim)

Here the speaker uses hii in order to identify one day in contradistinction to another. His intention is to exclude rather than to emphasize.⁷

7/ Clearly the difference in implication that exists between o and p could just as well exist between two different tokens of o itself:

- o raam ne jis din raawaN ko pakRaa usii din us kaa
 3 4 wadh kar diyaa *bd Wst +gp kiyaa +bsdtp Wg
 (aur yah nahII jo tum kah rahe ho ki wo duusre
 din tak rukaa)
 ram killed ravan on the very day he caught him
 (and what you say that he waited till the next
 day is not so)

Thus the acceptability of a compound verb in many constructions containing hii depends on the intention of the speaker, and not on any overt features of the utterance (except perhaps unwritten prosodic features).

The influence of limiting hii on the manifestation of the simple:compound verb should probably be identified with that of overtly negative elements.⁸ For in using such a limiting element the speaker intends to express two things at once. He wishes to predicate Y of X and non-Y of non-X. It is to the second, negative part of such predication that the suppression of compound verbs in this environment should be ascribed.⁹

The influence of deictic hii on manifestation appears to be of a different order. As sentence sets i and j show its capacity to suppress the compound is only relative. Comparing them with sets h and g respectively we see a competition between the simple and the compound verb that is reminiscent of aspectual competition in the Slavic languages.¹⁰ It is possible that this competition arises because deictic hii and the compound verb 'do the same thing': they both call attention to particular elements in an utterance. To conceive of the simple:compound verb as a means of shifting an action into and out of perceptual focus would be in nice agreement with Hacker's

8/ Such an identification is made by Verma 1968, p 71 and p 75. His reasoning is quite different given his concept of the nature of negation. See 4.3.2.1, ad fn 6.

9/ Note the parallel effect of only on some:any:
a b only ram did some work* only ram did any work +
See R. Lakoff 1969, p 608.

10/ See Forsyth 1970, p 350. The concept of competition is applied to Hindi by Pořízka 1967, pp 72-3.

view of the simple:compound opposition as a 'stylistic device' (Stilmittel).¹¹

4.3.2.3 Simple environments: 'barely' and 'with great difficulty'

In Hindi, if the performance of an act is qualified in its expression by phrases implying its near non-completion, then the verb shows a preference for simple manifestation:

- a 1 raam ne baRii muSkil se yah kaam kar liyaa *b Wg
+p
2 kiyaa +bpg
ram did this job with great difficulty
- b 1 raam ne jyO tyO kar ke yah kaam kar liyaa *b Wp +g
2 kiyaa +bpg
somehow or other ram managed to get this done
- c le de kar kul tiin caar ghaNTe sone ko
1 2 mil gae *b Wp +g mile +pgb
i barely managed to get three or four hours sleep
- d 1 siitaa yah kitaab Saayad hii paRh legii *pgb
2 paRhegii +pgb

¹¹/ Hacker 1958, paragraphs 93-104. Viz:

"Da die Hilfsverben die verbale Aussage in irgendeinem Sinne bestimmter, entfalteter gestalten, stellen sie die Individualitaet der einzelnen Geschehnisse entschiedener vor die Aufmerksamkeit, als es durch unkomponierten Ausdruck geschaehe; das einzelne Geschehen wird fuer den Redenden und den Hoerenden beachtlicher." : paragraph 94.

sita will hardly read this book

If expressions of ease are substituted for baRii muSkil se, le de kar, Saayad hii, etc., the compound may occur:

d 1 raam ne cuTkiyO mE yah kaam kiyaa +pgb

2 kar liyaa +pgb

ram did this job in a trice (literally: with a snap of the fingers) (cf al-2)

e 1 raam ne baRii aasaanii se yah kaam kiyaa +gb Wp

2 kar liyaa +gbp

ram did this job with ease (cf al-2)

f anaayaas hii tiin caar ghaNTe sone ko

l 2 mile Wp +gb mil gae +pgb

i got three or four hours of sleep without half trying¹ (cf bl-2)

g 1 siitaa yah kitaab zaruur paRhegii +pgb

2 paRh legii +pgb

sita will surely read this book (cf cl-2)

Since in English the phrase with great difficulty is often accompanied by only and the presence of barely conditions any rather than some (as in:

h 1 i barely got some sleep last night *

2 any sleep last night +

because of all that noise you were making)

1/ For speaker g anaayaas hii means 'unexpectedly'.

it seems reasonable to compare the effect of baRii muSkil se, etc.,² with that of limiting hii.³

4.3.2.4 Simple environments: 'first' and 'last'

Limiter hii simultaneously specifies one individual and excludes others. Other expressions sharing this semantic property and similarly tending to suppress the compound verb include sab se pahle 'the first' and sab se baad and aaxirii 'the last':

a aarmsTraaṁ maanavetihaas mE sab se pahle cAAad kii
 1 2 satah par pahUcaa +pgb pahUc gayaa *pb Wg
 armstrong was the first in the history of mankind
 to reach the surface of the moon

b mAI aaxirii aadmii hUU jis ne use zindaa
 1 2 dekhaa +pgb dekh liyaa *pb +g
 i'm the last man to have seen him alive

However there are important qualifications to be made: I. In order to suppress compound verbs these expressions must refer to, qualify or limit the individual actors concerned, not their acts:

c hamaare yahAA Saadii ke lie bahut log aae the aur

2/ Although there are clearly distinctions to be made among these expressions with regard to their 'negativeness'. (Compare sets a and d with b and c.)

3/ For discussion of the Hindi equivalent of 'barely' in the temporal sense see section 4.3.4.3.

1 is lie mAI ne sab se baad khaanaa khaayaa +pgb

2 khaa liyaa *pb +g

a lot of people had come to our place for the wedding so i ate last of all (of those who ate)

Here sab se baad restricts the agent of the action. In

d mAI ne mahmaanO kii xaatir kii, unhE biThaa diyaa, khaanaa paRosaa, aur sab ke baad khaanaa

1 2 khaayaa +gpb

khaa liyaa +gpb

i received the guests, seated them, served them and, last of all, ate (after doing everything else)

sab ke baad restricts not the agent with respect to the others present, but his act of eating with respect to the other acts which he has performed.

II. sab se pahle excludes the compound only (or at least more consistently) if its scope is universal in an utterance expressing what is (or is claimed to be) a universal truth, good for all time (and hence outside of time):¹

e hilrII aur tenziñ ewresT kii coTii par duniyaa mE

1 2 sab se pahle pahUce +gpb pahUc gae *pb Wg

hillary and tenzing were the first in the world to reach the top of mt everest

Sentence e expresses a fact about Mt. Everest that could

^{1/} See the discussion of utterances describing creations and discoveries (4.3.2.5) and that concerning stative and gnomic statements (4.3.2.6) on this point.

b 1 rabindranaath ne bhaartiiy raaSTr giit likhaa +pgb

2 3 likh diyaa *pb Wg likh liyaa *pgb¹

rabindranath wrote the indian national anthem

c 1 2 meraa janm 1942 mE huaa +pgb ho gayaa *pb Wg²

d 1 2 mAI 1942 mE paidaa huaa +gbp ho gayaa *bp ?g

i was born in 1942

It is important that the object discovered (or created) be unintended or not known of beforehand.³ In

e bahut saalo se koSiS karne ke baad waasko daa gaa-
maa ne hindustaan jaane ke lie ek naii raah kii

1 2 3 khoj kii +pgb kar dii +p Wg *b kar lii +pb *g

after trying for many years vasco da gama discovered a new way to india (compare al-3)

Da Gama's discovery was foreseen and intended by those who financed him; India was well-known; and new routes to it, imaginable. This, of course, was not true of America when Columbus discovered it on his way to 'India'.⁴ Similarly, in

f 1 rabindranaath ne janagaNamana likhaa +pgb

1/ Speaker b accepts b3 as the non-final clause in a series of conjoined clauses. See Van Olphen 1970, p 166.

2/ Speaker g finds that c1 and 2 require a final thaa.

3/ See section 4.3.2.7 for further discussion of this.

4/ Of course we are not suggesting that the grammar of Hindi must incorporate the history of the world as one of its subsections. The question is not whether sentence a3 is 'good' Hindi or not, but of what is implied if one chooses to utter it.

f 2 rabindranaath ne janaganamana likh liyaa +pb *g
rabindranath wrote 'janaganamana'

the compound is acceptable provided the speaker knows that Rabindranath Tagore has been working on a poem entitled 'Janaganamana' which he has now completed. Sentence b3, on the other hand, is at the least 'strange' because at the time Tagore completed 'Janaganamana' neither he nor anyone else knew that it was to become the Indian national anthem. Again that the individual born in 1942 should turn out to be me was something neither I nor my parents could have foretold or known until I became aware of it.⁵ In this sense 'I' was unintended.

Thus, to use the compound verb in either of a, b, c or d implies a cosmic omniscience on the part of the speaker more proper to gods or prophets. In fact from the standpoint of mortal man, abcd are not primarily descriptions of events or acts at all, but stative utterances defining relations of certain entities to the universe of space and time. It is the relation of such utterances to the compound:simple opposition that we discuss next.

5/ However, it is difficult to find a sentence dealing with birth in which speakers accept a compound verb:
a mere maataa pitaa ke 1942 ke julaaii mE pahle bac-
l 2 ce kaa janm huua +gpb ho gayaa Wgp *b
my parents had their first child in july of 1942
Speakers g and p find the compound verb here only marginally less strange than in sentence c2. It may be that verbs denoting birth are so often involved with the identity of particular individuals that they have become 'simplicia tantum'. See section 4.4.1.

4.3.2.6 Simple environments: generic and stative expressions

Certain classes of utterances either permitting no tensual contrasts at all or exhibiting a markedly reduced set of them show only the simple manifestation of the verb. Such utterances include generic expressions on the one hand and stative expressions on the other.

I. We define 'generic' here as any expression of universal scope used either to teach children about the world (abcde); foreigners, the language (f); or as a kind of catch-phrase or proverb (gh)¹:

- a 1 Ser praaNii hai +bpg the tiger is an animal
- b 1 do aur do caar hote hAI +bpg 2 + 2 = 4
- c 1 Ser goSt khaataa hai +bpg tigers eat meat
- d 1 taalaa kholne ke lie caabii kaa istemaal hotaa
hai +bpg to open a lock a key is used
- e 1 taalaa kholne ke lie caabii kaa istemaal karte
hAI +bpg to open a lock people use a key
- f 1 yah peR cinaar kahlaataa hai +bpg
 this tree is called a chinar

1/ Those of this last type are sometimes called 'gnomic' expressions. Of course, there is nothing mutually exclusive about the communicative functions these utterances may have: f1 may be used to teach a child about his world; d1 or e1 may be used to teach a foreigner the meaning of caabii; etc.

- g 1 dhan ko dhan kamaataa hai +bp ?g
 (h 1 dhan se dhan miltaa hai +gb)
 g h money begets money

Although some of these utterances express activity (c, d and e, for examples), their primary communicative function² is definitional: they express either the relation of words to meanings or the relation of given meanings (such as that of Ser 'tiger' or dhan 'money') to a universe of characteristic properties or activities. As such they do not express the occurrence of particular events or acts or even the iteration of particular acts or events: They do not, therefore, occur with compound verbs:

- a 2 Ser praaNii ho jaataa hai *bpg
 b 2 do aur do caar ho jaate hai *bpg
 c 2 Ser goSt khaa leta hai *gb Dp³
 d 2 taalaa kholne ke lie caabii kaa istemaal ho jaa-
 e 2 taa hai *bpg kar lete hai *bpg
 f 2 yah peR cinaar kahlaa paRtaa hai *bpg
 g 2 dhan ko dhan kamaa deta hai *b +p
 h 2 dhan se dhan mil jaataa hai *gb

II. Stative expressions are those that specify

2/ On the distinction between literal meaning and communicative function see discussion in section 4.1.3.

3/ For speaker p this sentence is acceptable in the meaning 'tigers don't mind eating meat', the implication being that their characteristic diet is something else.

static relations. They differ from generics in that they need not be of universal scope and do not express activities (in contrast to sentences c, d and e). They express relations which stand outside of delimitable time: those of shape, extent, composition, ability, knowledge, belief, possession, even age⁴:

- i 1 suuraj golaakaar hai +pbg the sun is round
- j 1 maidaan kSitij tak phailtaa hai +pbg
the prairie extends to the horizon
- k 1 raam aql rakhtaa hai +pbg ram is smart
- L 1 siitaa raam ko jaantii hai +pbg sita knows ram
- m 1 kyaa aap dew maante hai +pbg
do you believe in god?
- n 1 mohan ke paas saaykal hai +pbg
mohan has a cycle

There are a number of restrictions on the tense-forms that may occur in stative expressions. George Lakoff 1970a⁵ has related two of these restrictions to the semantic properties of statives:

Being relations rather than performable actions they may not occur as imperatives:

- o raam ko jaano *bpg⁶ know ram! (cf L 1)

4/ On utterances whose primary function is to express a static temporal location, see section 4.3.2.5.

5/ Pp 121-122.

6/ Acceptable as 'that's ram for you!' +g

p aql rakho *b Dpg be smart! (= aql se kaam lo: +pg)

Expressing completed states rather than completable events, they do not occur as progressives:

q kyaa aap dew maan rahe hAI *bpg⁷ (cf m)
are you believing in god?

r suuraj golaakaar ho rahaa hai *bp (Dg: cf fn 10)
the sun is being round

In addition to these criteria of Lakoff's one might also note that these expressions never occur in the perfect, since the states described by them do not have easily defined beginnings or end-points:

s mohan ke paas saaykal huii hai *bpg (cf n)
mohan has had a cycle

u yah maidaan kSitij tak phailaa hai *bp OKg⁸
this prairie has stretched to the horizon (cf j)

For these reasons (they are not actions; they are not events; they are outside delimitable time); states are not amenable to expression by compound verbs:⁹

7/ Speaker g finds this acceptable if it is addressed to a man who is performing puja.

8/ However, other expressions of stative geographical relations may by convention occur in the perfect (as seems to be the case with sentence u for speaker g):

a 1 yah saRak dillii tak gaii hai +bpg
2 jaatii hai =bpg
this road goes to delhi

b 1 gangaa nadii himaalay parwat se niklii hai +bpg
2 nikaltii hai =bpg
the river ganges rises in the himalay

9/ Nor are those geographical relations which happen to

- i 2 suuraj golaakaar ho jaataa hai *bp +g¹⁰
 j 2 maidaan kSitij tak phail jaataa hai *bpg
 k 2 raam aql rakh letaa hai¹¹ *bpg
 L 2 siitaa raam ko jaan letii hai *bpg¹²
 m 2 kyaa aap dew maan lete hai *bpg
 n 2 mohan ke paas saaykal ho jaatii hai *bpg

be expressed in the perfect (cf set bl-2 in fn 8):

b 3 gangaa nadii himaalay parwat se nikal gaii hai
 4 *bpg nikal jaatii hai *bpg

Bahl 1967, p 338, without any attempt at semantic analysis, contrasts b3 with ?g

c gangaa nadii se bahut nahrE nikal gaii hai +b OKp
 the river ganges has ramified into many canals

Sentence c is actually the anti-causative corresponding to +g

d gangaa nadii se bahut nahrE nikaalii gaii hai +bp
 the river ganges has been ramified into many canals

As such c expresses the result of an action and may occur with a compound verb. In contrast Bahl's sentence

e gangaa nadii himaalay parwat se niklii hai +bpg
 the river ganges rises in the himalayas
 expresses only a geographical relation.

- 10/ Speaker g finds this sentence acceptable if it refers to a change in the appearance of the sun (as it rises above the horizon, for example).
- 11/ Bahl 1967, pp 364-5, lists a good number of composite expressions in rakh which he correctly notes may not occur compound (except with the anti-vectors paa and sak). However, the semantic properties from which this restriction derives are neither explored nor generalized. Calling these expressions "action noun phrases" only further obscures their stative identity.
- 12/ When its object is a piece of information rather than a person jaan may have the non-stative meaning 'learn' or 'come to know':
- a yah baat jaano +pb *g know this (learn it)!
- b wo yah baat jaan gayaa +bpg
 he came to know this; he learned of this
- Speaker g accepts L2 as a historical present in this non-stative sense: 'sita comes to know ram' +g

In cases where the performance of an action is completely unforeseen by the speaker he may not use the compound verb:

1 sunaa lekin kal un kaa xat milaa +pgb

2 mil gayaa *pgb

13/ This statement is one of the few that appears to put us in direct contradiction with V. Pořízka (1967) who finds compound verbs in expressions signifying 'actions irrespective of any particular time sphere' (p 218). But the examples he gives do not have the definitional quality of a through h above.

14/ Note the use in Russian of the imperfective present or the perfective past to express stative relations:
 a Слои руды залегает очень глубоко (I) (Forsyth
 b залег очень глубоко (P) 1970, p 75)
 the ore deposit lies at a great depth

- a i had never even heard of mr kathavate before
but yesterday i got a letter from him

Compare sentence b where the receipt of a letter is for-
seen:

- b mAI ne Srii Sarmaa se mujhe likhne kaa waaydaa
1 liyaa thaa aur kal un kaa xat milaa +pgb
2 mil gayaa +pgb

i had gotten mr sharma to promise to write to
me and yesterday i got his letter

It is important to stress that it is the happening
itself of an event or the performance itself of an action
that must be unforeseen by the speaker for him to be un-
able to use a compound verb. If it is merely the time of
an expected event or action that he has not correctly
foreseen, he may still use the compound verb:

- c merii ummiid thii ki abhii do hafte ke baad Sarmaa
1 jii kaa xat aaegaa lekin kal hii milaa +b Wpg
2 mil gayaa +pgb

i was expecting mr sharma's letter in two weeks
but it came yesterday

It is this influence of prior ignorance which is
behind the preference for simple manifestation in utter-
ances expressing the occurrence of unforeseeable natural
calamities such as earthquakes:¹

¹/ Seismologists and 'sensitives' must be excluded from
this generalization.

d 1 kal hindustaan mE bhuukamp aayaa +pgb

2 aa gayaa *b Wpg

yesterday there was an earthquake in india

Another reflection of the compound suppressing effect of the lack of prior knowledge is the simple manifestation found of verbs whose agents are kaun 'who':²

e 1 2 kaun aayaa +bsdgp kaun aa gayaa *bsdgp

who came?

If there is a real lack of prior knowledge then of course e1 is a sincere request for information. However, if the speaker can see who has come or obviously knows who it is, the question becomes more or less rhetorical and compound manifestation is possible in the verb:

f 1 2 yah kaun aayaa +bpg yah kaun aa gayaa +bpg

well look who's come!; who do we have here!

Lack of prior knowledge as a simple environment appears to be a complement of aaxirkaar 'at last' as a compound environment.³

4.3.2.8 Simple environments: baar, dafaa 'time'

Discussing the 'limitation of action in transitive compound verbs', Bailey 1950 cites the following

2/ See sentence set o in section 4.3.2.1.5.

3/ Discussed below in section 4.3.3.4.

sentence and implies that it may not occur with a compound verb:

a 1 "dukaandaar ne use das dafaa tanxaah dii +bsdtg Wp
the shopkeeper gave him his pay ten times"

while the following may:

b "use tanxaah de dii +bsdtgp
paid him his wages (one occasion)"¹

Barker 1967 notes the same restriction:

c 1 "mAI ne tiin dafaa use kuch paise die +bsdtgp
i gave him some money three times
(since the action is not a single act (but rather one repeated three times), a compound verbal formation cannot be employed here.)" 2/

While we too find compound verbs to be less acceptable (if not impossible) in such utterances:

a 2 dukaandaar ne use das dafaa tanxaah de dii *bdtg
+sp

c 2 mAI ne tiin dafaa use kuch paise de die *bdt +sg
Wp

we cannot agree with the explanations Bailey and Barker give for this incompatibility. For one thing, the utterances do not improve noticeably even if we substitute ek dafaa 'one time, once' for das dafaa or tiin dafaa:

1/ P 75. His explanation:

"lenaa and denaa compounded with transitive verbs limit the action in a manner very similar to that of jaanaa with intransitive verbs, imparting an idea of finality or completeness, and confining the action to one occasion." (p 75) "When so compounded they indicate a single action or occasion." (p 72). This idea is criticized in Pořizka 1967, p 218.

2/ Vol I, p 394.

d 1 dukaandaar ne use ek dafaa tanxaah dii +bsdtg

2 de dii *bdg³ Wt +sp⁴

e 1 mAI ne ek dafaa use kuch paise die +bsdtgp

2 de die *bd +tsgp

For another, use of aggregative rather than cardinal numbers in sentences a and c yields acceptable sentences be the verb compound or simple:

f 1 dukaandaar ne use tanxaah das0 dafaa dii +bsdtgp

2 de dii +bsdtgp⁵

the shopkeeper gave him his pay all ten times

g 1 mAI ne use kuch paise tiin0 dafaa die +bsdtgp

2 de die +bsdtgp

i gave him some money all three times

Thus the factor governing acceptability of the compound verb here seems not to be the number of times an action is performed but the degree to which those iterations may be seen as forming an aggregate unity of action with respect to some other action. In f and g the expressions das0 dafaa and tiin0 dafaa refer to a set of occasions whose existence and total number are already

3/ For speakers d and g the unacceptability of a2, c2, d2, etc. depends on their being final utterances.

4/ For speaker s the difference between d1 and d2 has to do with relative time depth: d1 implies a past more distant than that implied by d2.

5/ For speaker g the acceptability of f2 (and a2) depends on its being interpreted as a reported claim of the shopkeeper with which the speaker does not agree.

established in the minds of the speaker and hearer. This is not the case with ek dafaa, tiin dafaa or das dafaa in acde: one does not know whether or not any of these figures constitutes a total or completed set of iterations. However, if one extends any of these sentences (acde) so that the giving of something x number of times is opposed to some further action, then the compound verb becomes acceptable:

- h dukaandaar ne use das dafaa tanxaah de dii +gpb
us ke baad nahII dii (cf a2)
the shopkeeper paid him ten times after which he
stopped paying him
i mAI ne tiin dafaa use kuch paise de die +gp *b is
lie wo phir mAAg rahaa hai (cf c2)
i've given him money three times already, that's
why he's asking again

One of the functions of the perfect is to show that the results of some action are still in effect at a given time. This of course presupposes that the action in question is complete relative to that later time. Thus any expression of iteration will be automatically summed into a complete total if it appears in the perfect. This explains why cardinal expressions of frequency should be compatible with compound verbs in the perfect: (cf c2)

- j mAI ne tiin dafaa use kuch paise de die hAI +sdgpb

- j i have given him some money three times
- k dukaandaar ne use das dafaa tanxaah de dii hai
+sdgpb (cf a2)
the shopkeeper has given him his pay ten times

4.3.2.9 Simple environments: sak 'be able, can'

Compound verbs do not usually occur in construction with the modal verb¹ sak 'be able':²

- a mAI yah botal khol de saktaa hUU *bstp Od PJg
i can open this jar
- b garm paanii se dhone se is kapRe kaa rang
nikal aa saktaa hai *bsdt PJgp
the color of this cloth can be brought out by
washing it in hot water (kb 358)

1/ We define as modals those verbs whose "...semantics... express no element of action" and which are "...able to make predication, but...need verbs to supply the 'actions' predicated." See Bauschatz 1972, p i. For the distinction of modal and non-modal sak see 3.2.6.

2/ This restriction has been explicitly noted by Barker, vol I, p 392. Bahl 1967 allows sequences like that of b in order to distinguish the opposite meaning of nikal in

a garm paanii se dhone se is kapRe kaa rang nikal jaa saktaa hai (kb 358) *bstgp ?d
by washing it in hot water the color of this cloth may fade

Kachru 1966 appears to allow compound verbs in aa, jaa, de, le, Daal, rah, dhamak, nikaal and maar to occur with sak (or cuk!): see p 57 and pp 89-91. However, she gives no examples of such sequences. Van Olphen 1970 states that compound verbs are "rarely used" with modals: p 173.

In contrast to the simple environments already discussed the influence of this one on the manifestation of the compound:simple verb seems to be rooted in syntactic rather than semantic constraints. Pray 1970 accounts for the ungrammaticality of a and b by stating a general restriction on permissible sequences:

"The strings V-i V Participle Ending or V-i V-i are not permitted constituents of grammatical verb sequences." 3/

This restriction rules out sequences like khol-i de-i saktaa hUU which would underly the verb sequence in sentence a. Pray does not state whether this restriction is to apply to surface structure or to some more abstract level. We might infer the former since Pray considers that:

"The ending i (that is, Ø) is also an alternative of the ending of the conjunctive verb form which is otherwise /kar/ or /ke/." (p 144)

Given the alternation of i and kar and ke, the restriction on permitted sequences could not apply at the most abstract level since then sequences like those in

c naukar saaraa saamaan le kar aa gayaa +bsdtgp

the servant brought all the luggage

d mAī aap ko kucal kar rakh dUUgaa (hvo 171) +bsdtgp

i'll crush you

3/ Pp 141-2. Van Olphen sets up the same restriction regarding V-i V-i with his 'consecutive-root constraint' in Van Olphen 1970, pp 173-4.

could not be derived. If however the restriction were to apply to surface structure, then we should expect the passive correspondents of sentences like a to be grammatical because the two roots are not consecutive:

e yah botal khol dii jaa saktii hai *bs Od PJg +t Wp
this jar can be opened

Since such sequences are considered hardly better than their active counterparts,⁴ we must assume that Pray's restriction operates somewhere after the most abstract level of derivation but prior to the application of the passive transformation. However, the operations that would create the unwanted sequences V-i V-i sak would most certainly be ordered after passive.⁵ Perhaps recourse must be had here to global derivational con-

4/ Although a couple of writers offer them without comment: Masica (mimeo), p 16, paragraph 3.2, example c; and Singh 1968, p 6:

a patr kal likhaa die jaa sakte the *b Od PJg +stp
the letters could have been dictated yesterday

5/ In other Indo-Aryan languages such operations are ordered before passive. That is, in Sanskrit (for example) the operations conditioned by the incorporation of Sak 'be able' into the verb phrase (such as the formation of the infinitive in -tum) precede the passive transformation:

a tena kaTah kartum Sakyate by him a mat can be
made

See Hook 1969, pp 66-7, 79. From the discussion in Cardona 1965 it seems that the same may be true of Gujarati: p 118, p 123:

b aa kaam aa riite kari Sakaay this work may be
done this way

where Sakaay is the passive of Sak. See sentence u3 in section 3.2.6 above.

straints.⁶

That the restriction on the occurrence of compound verbs with sak is primarily a question of syntax and not of semantics is also suggested by the sporadic attestations of compound verbs with sak in utterances which as a class have no properties which distinguish them from utterances in which only simple verbs occur:

f aaj yah soc rahii hai ki wo aamantraN puurwak
apne premii ke haathO mar kyO nahII jaa sakii⁷

+b *sdtgp (vp 1967, p 229, from k 134)

today she is regretting not having been able to
die at the hands of her lover as he suggested

g tumhaarii sahaaytaa ke binaa mAI bhaTak jaa
saktii hUU +b *tpg (kb 1967, p 450)

without your help i might go astray

h aap merii gardan uRaa de sakte hAI parantu mujhe
saty kahne se mujhe (!) nahII rok sakte +bp OKg
you can chop off my head but you can't stop me
from telling the truth (kb 1967, p 450)

i kahaaniyO kii aglii zild aane tak do ek saal kaa
samay aur nikal jaa saktaa hai (mpk 12) +p *gb

6/ These allow linguists to derive elephants from toenails. On the unfortunate necessity of their existence see G. Lakoff, 1970b.

7/ Interestingly if the ky0 nahII of this sequence is made to precede mar, then no one accepts the compound:

a ...premi ke haath0 ky0 nahII mar jaa sakii *bsdtgp

b ky0 nahII mar sakii +bsdtgp

4.3.2.10 Simple environments: the progressive
(rah@ h-)

Compound verbs usually do not occur in progressive forms¹:

- a mAI aap ke lie yah xat likh de rahaa hUU *bdg ?s
 i'm writing this letter for you +p

- b sAAR ghar mE ghus jaa rahaa hogaa *bdgp ?s
the bull is probably getting into the house

Pray 1970 invokes a 'consecutive root constraint'² to explain the absence of compound verbs in the progressive. However difficult it may be to use such a constraint to account for the restriction on compound verbs in sequences containing sak³, it works fairly neatly here. Assuming that it applies to surface structures, it correctly predicts that compound verbs that have undergone passivization may appear in the progressive whereas the corresponding actives do not:

- c aap ke lie yah xat likh diyaa jaa rahaa hai +bsd
*g (Delhi?: g)

this letter is being written for you (cf a)

1/ According to Barker 1967, vol I, p 391, never. Pray 1970 discusses exceptions, p 142. Kachru seems to allow vectors de, le, Daal, rah, dhamak, nikaal, and maar to occur in progressives and to exclude other vectors: p 57. Bahl 1967 has collected exceptions: p 450.

2/ Pp 141-2.

3/ See section 4.3.2.9 above.

d mAI yah botal khol de rahaa hUU *bg Ws Od +p
 i am opening this jar (cf 4.3.2.9.a)

e yah botal khol dii jaa rahii hai +bs Od *gp
 this jar is being opened (cf 4.3.2.9.e)

It will be recalled that the consecutive root constraint was unable to predict the ungrammaticality of the modal sentence corresponding to e:

f yah botal khol dii jaa saktii hai *bsd +dp⁴
 this jar can be opened

unless we allowed it to apply before passivization. There were other reasons⁵ for suggesting that the consecutive root constraint applies after passive; the greater acceptability of sentence e as opposed to d represents one more such reason.

To find passive expressions in some language without corresponding actives would be rather unusual, to say the least. However, the active counterpart of sentence e is not d but:

g mAI yah botal khole de rahaa hUU +bsdgp
 i am opening this jar

4/ Notice the more clear-cut division of opinion on the acceptability of this sentence on the part of speakers when exposed to it a second time (cf 4.3.2.9.e).

5/ They are: I. The operation that forms consecutive root sequences with sak in them follows passivization. II. There exist sequences like mar kyO nahII jaa sakii where the interpolation of kyO nahII prevents the formation of a consecutive root sequence from which the vector would otherwise be deleted (see 4.3.2.9.fn 7).

Hacker 1958 observes that the -e of khole in sequences such as that of sentence g is to be distinguished from the 'intensive -e'⁶ as being simply a filler to ensure that "...das Zusammentreffen von zwei Kurzabsolutiven vermieden werden soll."⁷ It is worth noting that in the passive where such a Zusammentreffen is avoided by the interposition of the passive element -y@ jaa we do not find the progressive in -e (nor in -y@) of compound verbs:

- h 1 yah botal khole dii jaa rahii hai *bsdgp
 2 kholii dii jaa rahii hai *bsdgp
 this jar is being opened

The progressive of intransitive compound verbs is usually found with the variable element -y@ rather than -e:

- i laRkii soii jaa rahii hai +bsdgp *g
 the girl is dropping off to sleep
 j laRkii soe jaa rahii hai Dbsdgp
 (= the girl is continuing to sleep: +bsdgp)

However there is not always a distinguishable difference in meaning:

- k 1 siitaa kutuuhal ke maare marii jaa rahii thii
 2 +bsdgp mare jaa rahii thii =bsdgp *g
 sita was dying of curiosity

6/ See 4.3.3.1 below.

7/ Paragraph 77.

4.3.3 Compound environments

Compound environments are those which do not permit the expression of an activity with a simple verb or which strongly prefer a compound verb. While quite a few writers have identified and attempted to explicate a number of simple environments, only two or three have suggested that compound environments might exist¹. No-one before now has sought to identify such environments in terms of their syntactic and semantic properties nor to relate them to a meaning proposed for compound verbs as a class. As in section 4.3.2, we limit ourselves here to an enumeration and analysis of environments which call for finite verb forms.

4.3.3.1 Compound environments: the "intensive"

(-e, -y@)

Verb sequences containing the "intensive" element -e (or its replacement -y@) always have a compound manifestation¹:

¹/ Bahl 1964, pp 28-9; Bahl 1967, pp 352-8 and Pray (mimeo), pp 2, 10. Bahl 1964 and 1967 gives examples of compound verb sequences whose simple counterparts he states to be ungrammatical. However, all of these are composita tantum in neutral environments (see 4.4.2 below), except for #19 and #22 in Bahl 1964, pp 28-9.

¹/ Although never stated in this fashion (except, it turns out, by Bahl 1967, p 453) a relation of verb-

a 1 mAI xat likhe detaa hUU +bsdgp

2 likhetaa hUU *bsdgp

i'll write the letter immediately

b 1 do hii kiStO mE miir saahab ko maat huii jaatii

2 thii +bdgp *s huiitii thii *bpg (pr 113)

mir was about to be mated in just two checks

As should be clear from a2 and b2 the question of a rationale for the unique occurrence of the compound verb in the so-called "intensive"² is quite academic: the structural constraints on the verb phrase in Hindi make it impossible even to consider the occurrence of the simple verb in the intensive.³ However as it might be of interest to compare some of the functions of the intensive with that proposed for the compound verb, we attempt here to distinguish some of them on the basis of syntactic evidence as well as meaning.

verb sequences in -e (or -y@) to the system of compound verbs in Hindi has been noted by a number of writers: Hacker 1958, paragraphs 74-85; Bahl 1967, pp 453-9; Kachru 1966, pp 51-2, 57; McGregor 1972, pp 172-3; Pahwa 1936, pp 311-2; Marek 1959, p 710. Others mention them as a separate category but remain silent on their relation to compound verbs without -e (or -y@): Kellogg 1938, paragraph 754 (3); Barker 1967, vol II, pp 319-20; Dymśic 1966, 237-8. For the conditions governing the replacement of -e by -y@ see section 4.3.2.10 above (also Dymśic, p 237)

2/ So called by Hacker and McGregor. Pahwa calls them 'extra-intensive' (cf section 4.1.fn 20).

3/ This it might be added is the only compound environment completely determined by a syntactic restriction.

Nearest to the literal meaning of intensive are affectual expressions whose rendering into English often includes some adverb like 'just', 'simply', 'nearly':

- c us kii ye baatE mujhe kaaTe khaatii hAI +bsdg
these things he says simply tear me to pieces⁴
- d itne jaanwarO ko kyaa khilaaE yahii cintaa maare
Daaltii hai +bsdgp (g 14)
the thought of what to feed so many animals is
nearly killing me
- e khaRii bolii wyaakraN ke anek kaThin prayogO ko
we sarwathaa choRe dete hAI +bsp Od *g
many of the difficult patterns of khari boli
grammar they simply leave out altogether⁵

In contrast to normal compound verbs such compound in-
tensives may occur in the present or habitual past only:

- f 1 yahii cintaa mujhe maare Daaltii thii +bsdgp
2 maare Daalegii⁶ *bsdgp
3 maar Daalegii +bsdgp
4 isii cintaa ne mujhe maare Daalaa *bsdgp
5 maar Daalaa +bsdgp

The distinction between the intensive and the ordinary compound verb in those tenses in which they both

4/ From Barker, vol II, p 319. 5/ Hacker 1958, para. 75.

6/ Note however McGregor's example (1972, p 173):

a bacce kaa tutlaanaa aap ke man ko mohe legaa *gpb
the baby's prattling will absolutely delight you

occur lies in the connotation of uninterruptedness expressed by the intensive as opposed to the sense of iteration or repetition obtained from the ordinary compound verb. This difference is brought into relief by the mutual exclusiveness of the adverbs that may occur with these two forms of the compound verb:

- g 1 din raat yahii cintaa mujhe maare Daaltii hai
 2 +bsdgp maar Daaltii hai *bsd +g Wp
 day and night the thought of it is gnawing at me
 h 1 yahii cintaa mujhe bahudhaa maare Daaltii hai
 2 *bdg Ws +p maar Daaltii hai +bsdg Wp
 i am often overwhelmed by this thought

The unrelenting quality of din raat 'day and night' contrasts with the equanimous iteration expressed by bahudhaa 'often'.

A second function of -e/-y@-sequences is to express the immediately imminent completion of an action:

- i mAI abhii aap ke lie xat likhe detaa hUU +bsdgp
 i'll write the letter for you immediately (right away)

Here an intensive or affectual connotation adheres to the imminence of an action rather than to the action itself:

- j mAI us abhaage ko maare Daaltaa hUU +sbdg *p
 i'm going to kill that wretch right now
 (cf: yahii cintaa mujhe maare Daaltii hai)

This difference in the scope of the intensive element of meaning can be brought out more clearly by comparing the effect on acceptability of differentiating adverbs like dhiire-dhiire 'slowly, gradually' and abhii-abhii 'right now' on sentences d and j respectively:

k 1 yahii cintaa mujhe dhiire dhiire maare Daaltii hai
+bsdgp

the thought of it is slowly killing me

l 2 mAI us abhaage ko dhiire dhiire maare Daaltaa hUU
*bd +sgp

i'll slowly kill the wretch

k 2 yahii cintaa mujhe abhii abhii maare Daaltii hai
*bsdgp +g⁷

the thought of it will kill me right now

l 2 mAI us abhaage ko abhii abhii maare Daaltaa hUU
+bsdgp *p i'll kill the wretch right now

Furthermore for some speakers the -e of imminence cannot occur in the third person while intensive -e usually (if not always) occurs in that person:

m siitaa abhii abhii xat likhe detii hai *bd +sgp
sita will write the letter right now (cf i)

n diwaar abhii abhii girii jaatii hai *bdg⁸ +sp

7/ Speaker g accepts only a single abhii in k, l, m, etc.

8/ Speaker g will accept sentence n if it is interpreted as referring to the first person:

a the wall is coming down right now (because i'm just about to knock it down) +g

n the wall will fall down right now

Sharing certain features with the -e of imminence is what we shall call 'performative -e':

o mAI tum se kahe detaa hUU ki yah mat karnaa +bsdgp
don't do this i tell you

Like the -e of imminence, performative -e does not occur with third person agents:

p raam tum se kahe detaa hai ki yah mat karnaa
*bsdgp don't do this ram tells you (cf m, n)

Distinguishing performative -e and the -e of imminence is the restriction that the former must express a communicative act taking place between the first and the second person:

q mAI raam se kahe detaa hUU ki yah mat karnaa *bd
OKg +sp don't do this i tell ram (cf o, j)

That the -e of imminence and performative -e condition the compound verb for reasons of syntax rather than semantics is clear from the acceptability of equivalents with simple verbs (but of course without -e):

r mAI abhii aap ke lie xat likhtaa hUU +pg *b
i'll write the letter for you immediately (cf i)

s mAI tum se kahtaa hUU ki yah mat karnaa +pbg
don't do this i tell you (cf o)

This is not true of the more idiomatic "intensives":

t yahii cintaa mujhe maartii hai *pg Db (cf d)

4.3.3.2 Compound environments: culmination

If the full and complete performance of some action X is intended to lead to some result Y, or if the fullness of the performance of such action is defined by the inception of resulting state Y, then state or event Y must be expressed by a compound verb:

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a 1   maarte maarte terii haDDiyAA toR dUUgaa +basdptg
    2                               toRUUgaa *basdp  Wtg

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i'll beat you till your bones break

In sentence a the speaker intends his beating to lead to broken bones. Compare sentence b where the action of walking is incidental and does not itself lead to the breaking of bones:

b bachuu, tuu bhii kyaa yaad rakhegaa, calte calte
 terii haDDiyAA toRUUgaa +bsdtg *ap
 kid, you'll rue this day, i'll break your bones
 as we go (said by rider beating his horse)

Culmination as we define it here is a more general conception of the meaning factors conditioning the compound verb in the next two specifically defined environments.¹ It is also present as a component of meaning of certain expressions that may be considered lexically compound.²

1/ yahAA tak ki (4.3.3.3) and aaxirkaar (4.3.3.4).

2/ See discussion of *composita tantum*, section 4.4.2.

4.3.3.3 Compound environments: result clauses

Clauses introduced by conjunctions like yahAA tak
ki... 'so much so that...' or yah natiijaa huaa ki...
'with the result that...' exclude simple manifestation
of the verb:

- a motii ne hiraa ko kaii qadam piiche haTaa diyaa,
1 yahAA tak ki wo khaaii mE gir gayaa +bsdpatg
2 giraa *bsdpatg¹
moti forced hira back quite a way, so much so
that he fell into the ditch (pr 9)
- b buuRhii aurat us ko gaaliyAA detii rahii yahAA
tak ki agle sTeSan par wo gaaRii se
1 2 utar paRaa +basdg *pt utraa *basdptg²
the old woman kept scolding him so much so that
he got down at the next station
- c laRkaa riitaa ke jii ko bhaa gayaa yahAA tak ki
1 us ne use apnaa naam bataa diyaa +gbp
2 bataayaa *gbp³
rita took a great liking to the boy, so much so
that she told him her name
-
- 1/ a b hiraa khaaii mE gir gayaa +gbp giraa +gb Wp
hira fell into the ditch
- 2/ a agle sTeSan par wo gaaRii se utar paRaa +gbp
b utraa +gb Wp
he got down at the next station
- 3/ a b us ne use apnaa naam bataa diyaa +gbp bataayaa +gb

d paanii ke zor pakaRne kaa yah natiijaa huaa ki

1 2 ham ghar par aa gae +gbp aae *gbp

the rain really started coming down with the result that we came on home

e saahab ke raam ko DAATne kaa yah natiijaa huaa ki

1 2 us ne yah kaam kar diyaa +gbp kiyaa *gbp

the result of the boss's scolding him was that ram got the job done

The influence of these conjunctions toward compound manifestation of the verb in the clause they introduce becomes even more apparent if the result clause contains an expression which is usually simple:

h mere maataa pitaa ke 1941 mE Saadii karne kaa yah natiijaa huaa ki meraa janm 1942 mE

1 2 ho gayaa +gbp huaa *gb Wp (cf 4.3.2.5.c)

...ki mAI 1942 mE paidaa

3 4 ho gayaa +gbp huaa *gbp (cf 4.3.2.5.d)

my parents got married in 1941 with the result that i was born in 1942

4.3.3.4 Compound environments: aaxirkaar 'finally'

Related to the preceding two is the environment marked by the element aaxirkaar 'at last, finally':

a wo bahut dinO se apnaa hissaa nahII de rahaa thaa

1 lekin aaxirkaar us ne diyaa *bdpatg Ws

2 de diyaa¹ +bdpatgs

for a long time he had been refusing but at last
he contributed his share

b dhyaan na dene kii koSiS kii to sahii phir bhii

1 aaxirkaar us ko bhuukh lagii *bdtgp Ws

2 lag gairi + bdtgsp

he tried to pay no attention it's true, but at
last he got hungry

It is important that some resistance be put up on the part of the agent to the performance of the act that he finally performs. Otherwise the simple rather than the compound may occur:

c mAI ne aag bujhaane kii bahut koSiS kii lekin wo
aahiste aahiste phailtii gaii. aaxirkaar mAI ne

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1  maalii ko pukaaraa (cu II.2) +bsdpatg
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2 pukaar liyaa *bpag Ws Dd

i tried very hard to put out the fire but it went
on gradually spreading. at last i called the gar-
dener

Here there is no suggestion that the man fighting the fire was resisting an impulse of his own or the entreaties of another to call in extra help. It was simply an act

1/ Compound verbs when they occur with aaxirkaar often show an interposed emphatic hii:

a ...lekin aaxirkaar us ne de hii diyaa +bdpatgs

that suggested itself after his own efforts were exhausted. Compared where the calling of the gardener is explicitly presented by the speaker as a pre-existing idea against which he struggles for some time:

d kisii aur se madad mAAnte mujhe Saram aa rahii
thii, lekin aakhirkaar mAI ne maalii ko

1 2 pukaaraa *bdpg Wst pukaar liyaa +bsdpt *g
i was ashamed to ask anyone else for help but at
last i called the gardener

It is on the basis of the contrast between c and d that it may be possible to consider the compound environment described here to be the complement to the simple environment described in section 4.3.2.7: 'lack of prior knowledge'. As complements to one another the two would form a distributed environment²: 'expected::unexpected action'.³

4.3.3.5 Compound environments: jab tak...na...
'until'

Verbs occurring in clauses introduced by the
(negative) complementizer *jab tak...na...* 'until'¹ show

2/ Distributed environments are discussed in 4.3.4.

3/ Where '(un)expected' refers not to the time but to the fact of an action's occurrence. See 4.3.2.7.c.

1/ Discussed from another angle in section 4.3.2.1.4.

a cow suckles her calf until he is able to graze
This preference is apparently not so strong if the jab
tak-clause is in an indicative mood²:

Although strictly speaking this is not a case of 'culmination' (since the action of the tab tak-clause need not necessarily directly result in or 'lead up to' the event or action of the jab tak-clause³), it can be seen as something closely related: the action expressed by the verb in the jab tak-clause defines a point or 'peak' that delimits the durative action of the tab tak-clause.⁴

2/ That optative:indicative is the differential factor here and not na:nahII can be seen by comparing a b & c:

a	1	jab	tak	wo	mujhe	paise	<u>na de de</u>	+pbga		
	2						<u>na de</u>	*bp	Wag	
		tab	tak	mAI	wahAA	rukaa	rahUUgaa			
b	1	jab	tak	wo	mujhe	paise	<u>na de degaa</u>	Wp	+bg	*a
	2						<u>na degaa</u>	+pb	Wg	*a
		tab	tak	mAI	wahAA	rukaa	rahUUgaa			
c	1	jab	tak	wo	mujhe	paise	<u>nahII de degaa</u>	Wp	+bga	
	2						<u>nahII degaa</u>	+pba	Wg	
		tab	tak	mAI	wahAA	rukaa	rahUUgaa			
abc		i'll stay there until he gives me the money								

3/ See section 4.3.3.2.

4/ See Sequin 1973.

This might be true
of COME, GO but
Not of lena,
dena.

4.3.3.6 Compound environments: involuntary acts, evaded events

Verbs expressing either acts one performs in spite of oneself or the occurrence of events one has attempted to prevent show a compound tropism:

- a us baat par na socne kii bahut koSiS kii lekin
1 tab bhii sab yaad aa gayaa +bg Wp
2 yaad aayaa *bg +p
i tried very hard not to think of it but even so
it all came to mind
- b 1 girne se bacte bacte mujhe coT aa gaii +bgp
2 coT aaii *b Wp +g
i got hurt trying to keep from falling down
- c apne par qaabuu rakhne kii koSiS ke baawfuu bhii
1 2 riitaa hAs paRii +gpb hAsii *gpb
in spite of her efforts to control herself rita
laughed out loud
- d wo apne aap ko chipaanaa caahtaa thaa lekin bhuul
1 se mujhe apnaa sahi naam bataa diyaa +gpb
2 3 bataa gayaa +gpb bataayaa *gb Wp
he wanted to keep his true identity a secret but
inadvertently he told me his real name

Without this connotation of inadvertence or involuntaryness the simple verb is possible (if not occa-

sionally preferred):

e 1 us baat par socaa to sab yaad aa gayaa +gpb

2 yaad aayaa +gpb (cf a)

i thought of it and it all came to mind

f 1 chaje se girte girte mujhe coT aa gaii +gpb

2 coT aaii +gb Wp (cf b)

i got hurt falling from the balcony

g 1 naT ko daad dene ke lie riitaa hAs paRii +b Wp

2 hAsii +bp (cf c)

rita laughed in order to encourage the village actor

h 1 jaan bujh kar mujhe apnaa sahii naam bataa diyaa

2 +g Wpb bataa gayaa +g *pb (Kb)

3 bataayaa +gpb

he intentionally told me his real name (cf d)

It seems likely that the semantic feature that differentiates sentence d from c in section 4.3.3.4 is the one under discussion here.

4.3.3.7 Compound environments: koi bhii 'anyone'

When a verb occurs in construction with koi bhii 'anyone (at all)' or kuch bhii 'anything (at all)' in an affirmative sentence it shows a marked preference for a compound manifestation:

a A: madraas kaafe kahAA hai?

B: aap kanaaT sarkas par jaaie. wahAA koi bhii

1 2 bataaegaa *bdpatg Ws bataa degaa +bsdpatg

(3) (bataa legaa *bsdpatg)

A: where is madras cafe?

B: go to connaught circus. there anybody will tell
you

b jis par use krodh aataa hai us par wo koi bhii

1 ilzaam lagaataa hai *bdpa Wst +g

2 lagaa detaa hai +bsdpatg

(3) (lagaa letaai hai *bsdpa Wt +g)

he makes just any accusation against those who pro-
voke his ire

c 1 un dinO amriikaa jaa kar kuch bhii miltaa thaa

2 *bsdtp Wg mil jaataa thaa +bsdgp *t

if you went to america in those days you used to
(be able to) get anything at all

It seems that the compound is preferred in these sentences because it is functioning as an alternate to modal sequences in sak 'be able; can'¹. Aside from the fact that the English glosses improve if an (English) modal is supplied, we have the following indirect evidence: I. Imperative (d) or hortative (e) sentences (which do not ac-

1/ I am indebted to Mr. Subhash Bhatnagar for making this suggestion. It should be possible to adduce evidence more complete than that I have presented here in support of his suggestion.

commodate modal sak²) do not prefer the compound even though koi bhii or kuch bhii be present:

d 1 koi bhii kissaa bataao +bsdtg

2 (3) bataa do *b +sdtg (bataa lo +b *sdtg)
tell any story you like!

e koi bhii bataae +bsdtg

2 (3) bataa de *bdp +stg (bataa le +b *sdtg)

mujhe koi farak nahII paRTaa

let anyone tell! i don't care

f 1 2 kuch bhii karo +bsdtg kar do *b Wsp +dtg

(3) (kar lo +bsdtg)

do anything at all! (i don't care)

II. In those tenses in which sak occurs not as a modal but as an (anti-)vector³ we find that sentences corresponding to a2 and c2 are not generally accepted:

g un dinO kanaaT sarkas mE koi bhii Daalar kaa

1 bhaaw bataataa thaa *bsdtp Wg

2 bataa detaa thaa +bsdgp *t (modal)

in those days in connaught circus anybody could quote the going rate for the dollar

h us din kanaaT sarkas mE kisii ne bhii Daalar kaa

1 bhaaw bataayaa *bdtp +sg

2 bataa diyaa *bdt Bp Ws +g (non-modal)

2/ See point IV in section 3.2.6.

3/ See conclusion of discussion of points VII and VIII on sixth, seventh and eighth pages of section 3.2.6.

h that day in connaught circus anybody quoted the
going rate for the dollar

i 1 amriikaa jaa kar kuch bhii milaa thaa *bsdtgp
2 mil gayaa thaa *bsdtg +g (non-modal) (cf c2)
when he went to america he got just anything

If further investigation supports a modal interpretation of the compound verb here, this particular compound environment will have to be set aside as one that favors functionally exceptional vector sequences: completion either absolute or in the relative sense we have introduced above (4.2.3) is in this particular environment not what is being expressed by the compound verb.⁴

4.3.3.8 Compound environments: temporal ki-clauses

If the complementizer ki is used to conjoin two acts or events in such a way that the time of one is compared to or defined in terms of the time of another then the verb expressing the act or event so compared has a compound manifestation:

a raam ghar pahUcne hii waalaa thaa ki pulis ne use
1 2 pakRaa *bdgp Wst pakaR liyaa +bsdtgp¹

4/ Compare the modal use of le in the unmarked present:
a wo hindii bol letaa hai lekin boltaa kabhii nahii
+pgb he can speak hindi but never does
(cf sentences 1 and m in section 3.2.6 above.)

1/ Speaker g requires th@ in all these sequences (a-f).

a ram was just about to arrive home when the police caught him

raam abhii ghar pahUcaa hii thaa ki pulis ne use

1 2 pakRaa *bdgp Wst pakaR liyaa +bsdtgp

no sooner did ram get home than the police nabbed him

c raam ghar pahUc hii gayaa thaa ki pulis ne us ko

1 2 pakRaa *bdgp Wst pakaR liyaa +bsdtgp

ram had almost made it home when the police got him

The reaction of speakers to the simple verb in the ki-clause of a, b and c is to be contrasted with the same in a neutral environment (an independent statement of fact requiring neither preceding nor following elements of discourse²):

d kyaa aap ko pataa calaa? pulis ne aaj subah raam

1 2 ko pakRaa +bdg Ds Wtp pakaR liyaa +bsdtgp

have you heard? the police arrested ram this morning

Another example of the differentiability of the ki-clause:

e sipaahii lauT kar nahII aa paae the ki ghaayal

1 kaa praaNaant huaa *bdtgp Ws

2 ho gayaa +bsdtgp

the soldiers had not yet been able to get back when the wounded man died

²/ See section 4.3.1 above.

f kyaa aap ko pataa calaa? ghaayal kaa praaNaant
 1 2 aaj subah huaa +bsdg Wp *t ho gayaa +bsdtgp
 have you heard? the wounded man died this morning
 Perhaps because it is better able to throw an action into relief, it is important that the location in time of two events be compared (or contrasted) via the complementizer ki. If other means are used the compared (or contrasted)³ event may be expressed with a simple verb. For example, use of a relative - co-relative construction allows a simple verb:

g 1 pulis ne raam ko tab pakaR liyaa +bsgp Wd *t
 2 pakRaa +bsdtgp
 jab wo ghar pahUcne hii waalaa thaa (cf a)
 the police caught ram when he was just on the
 point of reaching home (NB: Here when introduces

3/ As opposed to the comparing (or contrasting) event: that is, the event with which the other is compared or contrasted. For example, in sentence a the time of the arrest is being compared or contrasted with the time of arrival, not the other way around. If the time of arrival were to be compared with the time of arrest one might say:

a b pulis raam ko pakaRne hii waalii thii ki wo ghar
pahUcaa *bdtgp Ws pahUc gayaa +bsdtgp
 the police were just about to arrest ram when he arrived home

For some speakers the left-hand clause (that is, the non-ki-clause) may have either a simple verb or a compound:

c pulis raam ko pakaR lene hii waalii thii ki...+bsgp
 Wd *t (cf a)
 the police were on the verge of catching ram when..
 d raam ghar pahUc jaane hii waalaa thaa ki...+gp Wsd
 *t (cf al-2 above)
 ram was on the verge of getting home when...

the subsidiary or 'contrasting' clause while in sentence a when introduces the 'contrasted' clause)

It is also important that the times compared be thrown into sharp contrast by the ki-clause. If the utterance simply locates the time of one event in terms of another with no contrast intended, the simple verb may occur in the ki-clause:

h kisii mariiz ko dekh kar lauT rahii thii ki yah
 1 2 aghaT ghaTit ho gayaa +bsdgp huaa +bsp Wdg
 she was returning from seeing some patient when
 this unbelievable (thing) occurred (vl 208)

In g there is expressed the mere sequence of events with no special attention drawn to their conjunction in time or their disjunction in time. However, an emphatic adverb of time or a more highly contrastive construction in the first clause restricts the verbal manifestation in the second:

i wo abhii kisii mariiz ko dekh kar lauT rahii thii
 1 2 ki yah aghaT ghaTit ho gayaa +bsdgp huaa *bdg Wsp
 she was just returning from seeing some patient
 when this unlikely thing happened

j wo kisii mariiz ko dekh kar lauT nahII paaii thii
 1 2 ki yah aghaT ghaTit ho gayaa +bsdgp huaa *bdg Wsp
 she had not yet quite gotten back from seeing some
 patient when this incredible event took place

It may also be noted that verbs of sense perception may occur in such ki-clauses under a simple manifestation:⁴

- k raam ghar pahUcne hii waalaa thaa ki us ne pulis
 1 ko aate hue dekh liyaa +bsgp Wd
 2 dekhaa +bsd Wgp (cf al)
 ram was just about to reach home when he saw the police coming
- 1 sipaahii lauT kar nahII aa paae the ki ghaayal ko
 1 bhuut dikhaaai de gayaa +bsdgp
 2 dikhaaai diyaa +bsd Wgp (cf el)
 the soldiers had not yet been able to get back to him when the wounded man saw a ghost

That the compound verb usually occurs in ki-clauses of the type discussed here is consonant with a view of the compound verb as expressing the completion of one action relative to another. The temporal ki-clause is interesting in that it forces us to pay especial attention to the concept 'relative to'. It will be noted that in sentence b both the actions are completed. In fact, the action expressed in the ki-clause is later than that of the contrasting clause. However in b the speaker chooses to view this later action as complete relative to the earlier one.

^{4/} Which suggests that subsets of verbs may have a greater or lesser inherent tendency toward or preference for either a simple or compound manifestation. See 4.4.

This is to say that the action of arriving home (and the resultant state of being home) is intended by the speaker to be the background on which the action of the police is to be seen in relief.⁵

4.3.4 Distributed environments

Distributed environments are those in which the simple:compound verb are not in a privative contrast but in mutual contrast. In the environments we have examined up to now the presence (or absence) of a given semantic or syntactic feature has restricted the manifestation of the verb to either the simple or the compound. However, in the absence (or presence) of that same feature either manifestation of the verb is possible. Thus the presence of sak 'be able' in the verb sequence restricts the manifestation to the simple. In the absence of sak either the simple or the compound may occur (unless some other restricting factor is operating). Conversely, in the absence of the semantic feature ACTION or EVENT only the simple verb is possible (as in generic and stative expressions¹). When either of these is present either manifestation is possible. Thus 'simple environments' and 'compound envi-

5/ The possibility of viewing a completed act as relatively incomplete is further discussed in section 4.3.4.3.

1/ See section 4.3.2.6.

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environments' may be termed 'privative environments'.

2/ In section 4.2.3 above. It seems likely that further research will show the simple environment described in section 4.3.2.7 and the compound environment described in 4.3.3.4 may be collapsed into a distributed environ-

a all the students had come to class before i got there

Any utterance which specifically contrasts the temporal locations of two acts or events will exhibit this distribution of simple and compound verbs:

b A: mAI ne das baje aap ko fon kiyaa lekin aap nahII mile +basdtgp

(A: mAI ne das baje aap ko fon kar liyaa lekin aap nahII mile *badtp Ws +g)¹

1 B: hAA bhaaii, mAI gyaarah baje aayaa thaa +basdtg +p

2 aa gayaa thaa *basdtgp

3 B: nahII? mAI to nau baje hii aayaa thaa *badtgp Ws

4 aa gayaa thaa +basdtgp

b A: i tried to phone you at ten o'clock but i could not get you at home

1 2 B: yes, well i got in at eleven

3 4 B: really? but i got in at nine

Here the stated times in b2 and b3 conflict with what is implied about the paurwaapary (priority and posteriority) of the two actions of phoning and coming home by the use of the compound in the former and the simple in the latter.

1/ For the unacceptability of the compound verb here see discussion ad 4.2.f3 above. The restriction against the compound here takes precedence over the restriction against the simple so that b1 is acceptable even though the prior action is also expressed with a simple verb. The precedence of one environment over another is discussed below in section 4.3.5: 'Conflicting environments'.

What is being given here is essentially a more general description of the semantic factors operating in the distribution of the simple:compound verb in the jab tak...tab tak-construction treated earlier.² In fact the construction with se pahle (cf sentence set a, this section) is practically synonymous with it.³

The influence of the two terms of this environment takes precedence over the inherent aspectual properties of the main verb to a large degree:

c 1 us kaa pataa bhuul jaane se pahle *badtg Wp +s

2 bhuulne se pahle +basdgp Bt

use kahII likh lo

write down his address somewhere before you forget

2/ In section 4.2.3.

3/ For a few speakers the two constructions differ in that the one in jab tak...tab tak demands different agents in each clause:

a jab tak mai wahAA pahUcaa tab tak mai ne kitaab
parh lii thii *bt ?p +asdg

b jab tak mai wahAA pahUcaa tab tak raam ne kitaab
parh lii thii +basdgp

while that in se pahle does not:

c wahAA pahUcne se pahle mai ne kitaab parh lii thii
+basdgp

d mere wahAA pahUcne se pahle raam ne kitaab parh lii
thii +basdgp

a c by the time i got there i had read the book

b d ram had read the book

Furthermore, se pahle permits vector le in the sense of paa 'be able; manage' whereas jab tak does not:

e mere yah kaam puuraa kar lene se pahle hii pAAc
baj gae +bstp OKd *g it struck five

before i was able to get this work done

f jab tak mai ne yah kaam kar liyaa tab tak pAAc baj
gae the *bdtgp OKs by the time i was
able to get this work done it had already struck 5

- d mere wahAA pahUcne se pahle wo us ghar mE kuch
 1 din rah liyaa thaa +bsdtgp
 2 rahaa thaa *bd Wtp Og +as
 he had stayed some time in that house before i
 got there

Thus bhuul jaa 'forget' which has an inherent preference for compound manifestation⁴ appears as a simple verb in c while rah 'stay; live' despite a preference for simple manifestation⁵ is preferred by some speakers under a compound manifestation in sentence set d.

Anti-vectors paa and sak occurring as they do in many negative environments may occur with jab tak⁶ and with se pahle:

- e 1 us ke apne makaan kii caardiwaarii banaa paane
 2 +bsdtgp banaa sakne +bsdtgp
 se pahle hii ham ne us par korT kes kar diyaa thaa
 before he was able to put up an enclosure around
 his house we had entered a suit against him⁷

4/ See section 4.4.2 below.

5/ See section 4.4.1 below.

6/ See sentences 4.2.3.u and 4.2.3.ae.

7/ The se pahle-construction may occur with two finite clauses:

- a is se pahle ki mallaah use sAbhaal paate wo phir
 usii tarah bhAwar mE daaxil ho kar ghuum gaii
 (act 125) +bsdtgp
 before the boatmen were able to get it under control the boat once again in the same way entered the whirlpool and spun around

There is other evidence linking jab tak... and ...se pahle to overtly negative environments: I. In English the distribution of some:any in equivalent expressions is parallel to that of the compound:simple verb:

f l he arrived before i could get some work done *

2 any work done +

g l i got some work done before he arrived +

2 any work done before he arrived *

II. In some languages an overt negative element appears in the clause expressing the posterior action. In French:

h l 2 sauve-toi avant qu'il n'arrive (=arrive)

get out of here before he shows up

It is found in Jing Phaw (a Tibeto-Burman language spoken in Northern Burma near its border with Assam):

i Si n̄ai garAI? dai dE? Nsa yaañ amu galo lA ai +LZ

he did the job before i got there

(N- = negative particle; sa = 'arrive')

The fact that covert (fl-2) as well as overt negative elements are found in clauses expressing the posteriority of some event with respect to another is further evidence in support of the relative concept of completion that we are claiming to be the meaning of the compound verb in Hindi: it is from the stand-point of (or at the moment of) the prior action that the posterior one is, as yet, not.

(cf section 4.2.3)

If an utterance locates two acts or events in time without contrasting the priority of the one and the posteriority of the other, then the earlier is expressed not with a compound but with a simple one:

- j 1 us ne duunii Sakti se duusraa dhakkaa maaraa /
 2 maar diyaa to aadhii diiwaar gir paRii
 j1: +basdtgp (j1 from pr 12) / j2: *bsdtgp +a
 he butted the wall with redoubled strength and
 half of it fell over

In sentence j1 the speaker has not contrasted the mutual priority and posteriority of two events. Rather he has narrated a sequence of cause and effect in which the temporal priority of the former to the latter may be taken for granted. In such cases other factors (such as culmination⁸) take over and determine a compound manifestation for the final event⁹ and a simple one for the action that leads up to it. It is for this reason (that is, to eliminate sequences of causes and effect from the scope of the distributed environment under consideration here) that we have specified that the two acts or events whose position in time the speaker wishes to contrast must be disjunct.¹⁰

8/ See section 4.3.3.2 above.

9/ Finality in a series of related actions has been noted as an environment favoring the compound verb by Barker, vol I, p 391; Hacker 1958, paragraph 94 and McGregor 1972, p 105.

10/ See first sentence this section

4.3.4.2 Distributed environments: jyO hii::tyO hii

Another two-clause environment which distributes simple and compound verb sequences each to a particular clause is that which translates the English conjunctions as soon as, no sooner...than..., etc: jyO hii...tyO hii... (and its synonym jaise hii...waise hii...):

- a 1' jyO hii mAI ne raam ko rasiid de dii *btp Wsd
 1" +g¹ dii +bsdtgp
 2' tyO hii us ne mujhe saare paise die *bdtp Ws +g
 2" de die +bsdtgp Og

as soon as i gave ram the receipt he gave me all the money

- b 1' jaise hii raam ne mujhe saare paise de die *bt
 1" Wsdp +g die +bsdtgp
 2' waise hii mAI ne use rasiid dii *bdtp Ws +g
 2" de dii +bsdtgp

as soon as ram gave me all the money i gave him the receipt

This environment is another example² of one action's defining or setting off another; the action so set off being expressed with a compound verb (a2", b2") and the

1/ Speaker g accepts a1' only with a2", not with a2'.

2/ Other examples are discussed in section 4.3.3.8 and in section 4.3.4.3.

When occurring with the particle hi and when immediately followed by a temporal ki-clause¹ the simple compound verb is semantically distributed: the simple verb indicates that the action has been 'just barely' performed and the compound, that the action has been 'almost' performed (or has 'just barely' failed to be performed):

- 3/ McGregor 1972 gives a number of what appear to be counter examples. However, most speakers do not accept them:
- a 1 jyO hii wahAA pahUcUugaa tyO hii patr likhUUgaa
2 (ohg 125) *bdt Wsp +g likh dUUgaa +bsdtgp
i'll write as soon as i get there

1/ See section 4.3.3.8.

Replacing the ki-clause in a1 with that of b1 or c1 (and vice versa) leads to self-contradictory sentences:

- a 2 mAI tapediq kii bimaarii se maraa hii thaa ki
DaakTar ne meraa ilaaj kar diyaa *bdgp Ws
i had just died of TB when the doctor cured me
- 2 mAI tapediq kii bimaarii se mar hii gayaa thaa ki
apsaraaaE mujhe swarg le aaII *bdgp Ws
mujhe merii biiwii ke paas dafnaa diyaa gayaa *bsd
i had nearly died of tb when *gp
- b the apsaras brought me to heaven
- c they buried me near my wife

'almost' in temporally non-contrastive utterances is rendered in the same way:²

- d tumhaarii to is ne jaan hii le lii thii +bsdgp
he had almost killed you (pr 6)
- e aap kii naukrii pakkii ho hii gaii hai +bsdgp
your job is practically settled

But 'barely' in its non-temporal sense has a variety of
equivalents:

- f us kaa waar thoRe se hii xaalii gayaa +bdgp *s
he just barely missed
- g us kii golii niSaane par zaraa sii hii lagii +bsdp *g
he just barely hit the target

2/ hii in concert with the compound verb does not denote 'almost' if the compound is conditioned by aaxirkaar:

a aaxirkaar raam mar hii gayaa
 at last ram died +bsdqp (...almost died: *bsdqp)

not all of which demand the simple verb:

h 1 2 raam baal baal bacaa +bsdgp bac gayaa +bsdgp
 ram just barely escaped (literally 'by a hair')

The distribution of the simple:compound verb in the meanings 'barely': 'almost' at first sight seems to create considerable difficulties for an aspectual interpretation of the compound:simple opposition: Here the compound verb denotes non-completion (by however small a margin it be); and the simple verb denotes completion (even if 'just barely'). However if one considers that the adverb almost focuses attention not on the non-completion it strictly speaking denotes but on the successful completion of an action that the agent has just missed achieving, then the use of compound verbs in such expressions may not seem to conflict with their usual aspectual function. Similarly, the adverb just barely, while literally expressing completion, focuses attention on the failure to complete which the agent has just managed to avoid. Thus just barely and almost do not merely express completion or non-completion but rather express the proximity of each to its opposite. That is why 'barely hitting' is equivalent to 'almost missing'; and 'almost hitting', to 'barely missing'. And that is why in Hindi expressions of completion or of non-completion in such double-edged contexts bear a resemblance in form to the expression of

their respective opposites.³

4.3.5 Conflicting environments

It will have no doubt occurred to the reader that features whether syntactic or semantic of both simple and compound environments might operate on a single verb sequence. One would like to know whether in such instances one type of environment 'overcomes' the influence of another, or whether there is a compromise with either simple or compound verb possible. Is it possible to rank environments according to their relative power to determine the manifestation of the verb? Are all environments of one type able to overcome any environment of the other type?

The answers to such questions are important not only in a complete account of the occurrence of the compound:simple verb in such complex environments themselves but also for the evidence they may provide for the correct formulation at an abstract level of derivation of the verb sequence in simpler environments.¹ When one considers that some verbs have an inherent tendency toward

3/ Formal accommodation to or reflection of other semantically double-edged environments is discussed in sections 4.3.2.1.3, 4.3.2.1.4 and 4.3.2.2.

1/ Bahl 1967, for example, suggests that the compound verb is basic with simple verb forms arising through transformations deleting the vector verb component of the verb phrase: pp 347ff.

a simple manifestation²; and others, toward a compound³; that the power of some simple or compound environments to condition simple or compound manifestations of the verb varies with mood⁴ or tense⁵; and that not all environments enjoy an equal degree of consensus among speakers as to their effect on the verb; then the potential complexity of a full account of conflicting environments becomes apparent. What is undertaken here is of necessity most fragmentary.

The verb sequence whose behavior in conflicting environments we shall examine is one with no strong inherent predisposition to either a simple or compound manifestation⁶: bataa:bataa de 'tell'.

a kal us ne mujhe is kamre mE apnaa naam

1 2 bataayaa +bdsgp bataa diyaa +bdsgp

yesterday she told me her name in this room⁷

As control we have tested the behavior of this sequence in some of the environments already discussed:

2/ See 4.4.1 below.

3/ See 4.4.2 below.

4/ For an example see 4.3.2.1.3.fn 9 above.

5/ For examples see 4.3.2.1.2 and 4.3.2.8.a2, c2, j and k.

6/ Compare 4.3.1.a1-2 and dl-2.

7/ Although we give a single gloss here, it is not to be understood that a1 and a2 have exactly the same meanings (speaker d for one feels that a2 has the same connotation as b2 with its explicit aaxirkaar). See footnote 1 in section 4.3.1.

(the influence of b over that of d)

- i kal jab tak raam wahAA pahUcaa tab tak us ne mujhe
 1 isii kamre mE apnaa naam bataayaa thaa *bdp Wsg
 2 bataa diyaa thaa +bsdp

(the influence of c over that of d)⁸

- j kal jab tak raam wahAA pahUcaa tab tak us ne mujhe
 1 is kamre mE apnaa naam do baar bataayaa thaa *bdp
 2 Wg +s bataa diyaa thaa +bsdp

(the influence of b over that of e)

even when simple environments reinforce each other:

- k kal jab tak raam yahAA pahUcaa tab tak us ne mujhe
 1 isii kamre mE apnaa naam do baar bataayaa thaa *bdp
 2 Wsg bataa diyaa thaa +bsdp

(the influence of c over that of d and e combined)

However, the influence of kewal...hii exceeds

that of any compound environment:

- l kal jab tak raam yahAA pahUcaa tab tak kewal us
 ne hii mujhe is kamre mE apnaa naam
 1 2 bataa diyaa thaa⁹ *bdp Ws bataayaa thaa +bsdp

even when compound environments reinforce one another:

- m kal jab tak raam yahAA pahUcaa tab tak us ne aaxir-
 kaar kewal mujhe hii is kamre mE apnaa naam
 1 2 bataa diyaa thaa *bdp Wsg bataayaa thaa +bsdp

8/ Compare sentence set j in section 4.3.2.2.

9/ Compare sentence set n in section 4.3.2.2.

(the influence of f over that of c and b combined)

In a two-place distributed environment like jab tak...tab tak... the simple environment overpowers compound environments:

n kal jab tak us ne aaxirkaar mujhe is kamre mE ap-
 1 2 naa naam bataa diyaa *bdp Wsg bataayaa +bsdpg
 tab tak raam yahAA pahUc gayaa thaa

hii with the simple verb in the meaning of 'just barely' (cf 4.3.4.3) overpowers compound environments:

o aaxirkaar us ne mujhe kal is kamre mE apnaa naam
 1 2 bataa diyaa hii thaa Dbsdpg bataayaa hii thaa +bsd
 ki itne mE raam yahAA pahUc gayaa (cf b) +pg
 she finally had just barely told me her name in
 this room yesterday when raam got here

p kal jab tak raam yahAA pahUcaa tab tak us ne mujhe
 1 is kamre mE apnaa naam bataa hii diyaa thaa Dbsdpg
 2 bataayaa hii thaa +bsdpg (cf c)
 she had just barely told me her name in this room
 yesterday by the time ram got here

hii with the compound verb in the meaning of 'almost' overpowers simple environments (at least those that are semantically congruous with it):

q us ne kal mujhe is kamre mE apnaa naam do baar
 1 bataayaa hii thaa Dbsg *dp
 2 bataa hii diyaa thaa +bsdpg (cf e)

- g she almost told me her name twice in this room
yesterday
- r us ne kal isii kamre mE mujhe apnaa naam
- 1 bataayaa hii thaa Dbsd *pg (if non-final, OKg)
- 2 bataa hii diyaa thaa +bsdpg (cf d)
...in this very room...
- s kal us ne kewal mujhe hii is kamre mE apnaa naam
- 1 bataayaa hii thaa *bpg Dsd (if non-final, OKg)
- 2 bataa hii diyaa thaa +bsdpg (cf f)
yesterday in this room she almost told her name to
only me

If the simple verb is expressing conation¹¹ then
compound environments do not prevail:

- t kal us ne mujhe is kamre mE apnaa naam
- 1 2 bataa diyaa *bd Wsp +g bataayaa +bsdpg
lekin Sor gul kii wajah se mAI nahII sun sakaa
she tried to tell me her name in this room yester-
day but because of all the racket i couldn't hear
her
- u kal aaxirkaar us ne mujhe is kamre mE apnaa naam
- 1 2 bataa diyaa *bd Wsp +g bataayaa +bsdpg
lekin mAI nahII sun sakaa
at last she tried to tell me her name in this room
yesterday but i couldn't hear her

11/ See section 4.2. For speaker g all of these sentences

- v kal jab tak raam yahAA pahUcaa tab tak us ne mujhe
 1 is kamre mE apnaa naam bataa diyaa thaa *bdp +sg
 2 bataayaa thaa +bsdpg lekin Sor gul kii
 wajah se mAI nahII sun sakaa (cf c)
 yesterday by the time ram got here she had tried
 to tell me her name in this room but because of
 all the racket i was unable to hear her

It is not our intention to examine the relative strength of all the two dozen or so environments we have discussed in Section Four. However several interesting things can be said of the group of nine that have been compared here in sentence sets h through v: I. These nine may be partially ordered with respect to their power to prevail over other environments:

Group I. 'barely', 'almost', conative simple

Group II. kewal...hii (limiter hii)

Group III. jab tak..., tab tak...

Group IV. aaxirkaar, baar

Group V. deictic hii

II. This partial ordering is not arbitrary. We can refine these groups in terms of progressively less critical semantic functions:

Group I. Absolute completion (or incompleteness)

Group II. Absolute restriction on completion

Group III. Relative completion (or incompleteness)

Group IV. Qualification of completion

Group V. Focus element

That these rubrics are tentative and essentially impressionistic is obvious. However, an inkling of the vastly greater difference the manifestation of the simple:compound verb makes in Group I as opposed to any of the other groups may be had by considering that replacing a simple verb with a compound or a compound with a simple in a Group I environment does not simply yield an odd or less acceptable sentence but reverses the meaning of the verb phrase altogether. Given this fact, it is quite natural that Group I environments should overcome all the others. III. The degree of consensus among speakers with regard to the power of environments to determine manifestation is in general parallel to the degree to which the environments are able to overcome other environments. In other words, the more speakers are agreed that environment X has effect Y; the more likely environment X prevails over others:

Group I. 4.2.c3: *bsdtgap; 4.3.4.3.a2: *bdgp Ws

Group II. 4.3.2.2.k3: *bdtpg +s

Group III. 4.2.3.a2: *gpab; 4.2.3.a3: *pab Og

Group IV. 4.3.3.4.a1: *bdpatg Ws; 4.3.2.8.a2:

*bdtg +sp

Group V. 4.3.2.2.h1: *bdt +sgp

4.4 Verbs inherently simple or inherently compound

Some verbs exhibit a preference for simple or for compound manifestation which is to some degree independent of the environments they are found in. Usually such inherently simple or inherently compound verbs have meanings which do not accommodate the semantic contrasts that are associated with the simple:compound opposition. Thus an examination of the meanings of such verbs may throw further light on the functions of the simple:compound opposition or at least corroborate the conclusions we have arrived at already.

4.4.1 Simplicia tantum

Some main verbs have a relative tendency or an exclusive preference for a simple manifestation:

- a 1 raam ne siitaa ko saath calne diyaa +bsdgp
 2 de diyaa *bsdgp
 ram let sita come along with him
- b siitaa ke cale jaane se raam ko baRaa dukh
 1 2 huaa +bsdgp ho gayaa *bdg Ws Vp
 ram was much aggrieved that sita had gone away

One important class of such simplicia tantum has been noticed by Bahl (1967, p 367): (k = K. Bahl)

- c 1 us ko bahut sukh huaa hai +kgb Ws (*d) *p
 2 ho gayaa hai *kb +sgp (*d)

he has become very happy

He compares these to the semantically corresponding ad-jectival construction:

- d 1 wo bahut sukhii huaa hai +k Wbgsp *d
 2 ho gayaa hai +kbgsdp

he has become very happy

without isolating the differential factor¹. This class consists of predicates (formed usually with the main verb ho 'become') which express the onset of some physical or emotional state. The 'experiencing subject' governs the postposition ko.² Such utterances are not absolutely resistant to compound manifestation:

- e jab tak mAI wahAA pahUcaa tab tak siitaa ke cale
 1 jaane se raam ko baRaa dukh huaa thaa *dsp Ub Wg
 2 ho gayaa thaa +dsgp *b (cf b)

by the time i got there ram had become very unhappy over sita's departure

Although the questions raised by Bahl's set of con-

1/ unless we accept the single prefatory remark:

"It may be interesting to observe the manner in which the selectional constraints of the tertiary level operate when a verb is +(+bilateral) but +(-juxtaposed).": p 366.

as an explanation. (These features are nowhere defined nor is their application to a particular verb anywhere justified by Bahl.)

2/ For a fuller description see Masica 1971, pp 201-12.

trasting examples (cl-2 and dl-2) deserve much more detailed consideration then we give them here, it appears that the completion of an event (cf c2) is not quite the same thing as the completion of a change in state (cf d2) and it is this implication of completion in c2 that conflicts with the inchoative sense of kisii ko dukh ho.

Simplicia tantum like de 'let' (cf a) and paR 'be obliged to, have to' always express completion not only of the act of allowing (or of the inception of the state of being obliged) which they themselves express but also of the action expressed by the verbs they govern. Thus, in sentence a the use of de (as opposed to, say, ijaazat de 'give permission') implies that Sita did indeed come along with Ram (contrast g and h):

- a l raam ne siitaa ko saath calne diyaa +bsdgp
 ram let sita come with him
- f raam ne siitaa ko saath calne kii ijaazat dii
 +bsdg OKp
 ram gave sita permission to come with him
- g raam ne siitaa ko saath calne diyaa lekin wicaar
 baadal kar wo ghar par hii rahii *bsdgp
 ram let sita come with him but changing her mind
 she stayed home
- h raam ne siitaa ko saath calne kii ijaazat dii le-
 kin wicaar baadal kar wo ghar par hii rahii +bsdgp

h ram gave sita permission to come with him but
changing her mind she stayed home

Completion of the governed act is one of the features discriminating paR 'have to' from, say, caahiye 'ought to, should':

i kal mujhe dillii jaanaa paRegaa lekin nahII jaa-
UUgaa *bsd +gp

tomorrow i'll have to go to delhi but i won't

j kal mujhe dillii jaanaa caahiye lekin nahII jaa-
UUgaa +bsdpg

tomorrow i ought to go to delhi but i won't

Given these properties of de 'let' and paR 'have to' it may be argued that they occur as simple verbs because given the absence of the contrast complete:incomplete in their meanings, compound manifestation is redundant. However in compound environments the compound manifestation of paR is possible while that of de never occurs:³

k jab tak mAI pahUcaa tab tak use dillii jaanaa

1 2 paRaa thaa +gs Wb *p paR gayaa thaa +bp Ws *g
by the time i arrived he had had to go to delhi

L 1 aaxirkaar use dillii jaanaa paRaa +bsgp

2 paR gayaa +s Wbp *g

finally he had to go to delhi

3/ For sentence set kl-2 and ml-2 see section 4.2.3. For sentence set Ll-2 and nl-2 see section 4.3.3.4.

- b tumhE pataa calaa? raam yah kaam karne se
 1 2 uub gayaa +bsgp *d² uubaa *bsgpd
 have you heard? ram got sick of doing this job
- c 1 wo aap kii kitaab laanaa bhuul gaii +bsdpg
 2 bhuulii *bsdpg
 she forgot to bring your book
- d 1 yah laRkaa bahut yogy jaan paRtaa hai +bsdpg
 2 jaantaa hai *bsdpg
 this boy seems quite competent

Preference for compound manifestation has occasionally been mentioned in the literature³, although no attempts have been made to offer any explanation of it. We make here a few suggestions toward a solution to the problem even though some inherently compound verbs (especially those represented by uub jaa 'get sick of' in sentence set b) have resisted our efforts to provide a coherent explanation.

Sequences like jaan paR 'seem' (cf dl-2)⁴ and le

2/ Speaker d will accept bl with uub gayaa hai.

3/ Jelovkov 1963, p 101, cites bhuul jaa 'forget' and so jaa 'go to sleep'. The latter seems not so strongly tropic for compound manifestation as bhuul:

- a aaj subah is kamre mE raam so gayaa +pb (-thaa +g)
 b soyaa Wpb (-thaa +g)

this morning ram went to sleep in this room

Gaeffke 1967, p 38, cites jaan paR 'seem' and Bahl '67, lists a number of idioms in utar 'come down': p 366.

4/ Guru, p 319, lists sun paR 'be heard?', dekh paR 'be visible?', suujh paR 'be perceptible?', and samajh paR 'be understandable'. He gives no examples of usage

jaa 'take (away)',⁵, though composed of two verb roots each must be considered unit stems. For one thing they occur freely in negative environments:

- e wo hamE apne saath nahII le gaii +bpg
 she didn't take us with her
- f arabii faarsii ke SabdO kaa muul ruup sarwatr di-
 khlaane kii zaruurat nahII jaan paRii +bsdpg
 it did not seem necessary to show the basic form
 of arabic and persian words in every case⁶

Furthermore they occasionally (in le jaa's case, only for speaker b) are found with vector verbs:

- g use skuuTar par biThaa kar sTeSan le jaa lEge +b⁷
 *pg
 i'll take him to the station on my scooter
- h us kii AakhO se hii mujhe jaan paR gayaa +pb *g
 ki wo cor hogii
 i could tell from her eyes she must be a cheat

5/ Cf remarks on le jaa in Burton-Page 1957, p 472, fn 4.

6/ Sentence f is from the bhuumikaa of brihat hindii koS.

7/ This sentence was uttered as quoted here by speaker b's brother in Dehra Dun where le jaa le as the compound counterpart of le jaa is very common. Other sequences:

- a is makaan kii gandagii apne Trak mE le jaa maarna
 +b *gp
 take away the rubbish from this house in your truck
- b mAII galtii se un ke bacce kaa khilaunaa le jaa bai-
 Thaa +bp Og
 by mistake i went away with their kid's toy
- le jaa as a unit stem is discussed in section 3.4.3.
le jaa as a unit vector verb is to be noted: 3.6.13.

bhuul jaa 'forget' is one⁸ of a number of verbs denoting changes in mental states which in contrast to verbs denoting changes in physical or emotional states⁹ prefer a compound manifestation in neutral environments:

i 1 kyaa tumhE pataa calaa? raam maan gayaa +bsdpg

2 3 raam ne maanaa Wbsdpg¹⁰ raam maanaa *bsdpg

ki is mE tumhaaraa koi doS nahII hai

have you heard? ram has agreed that you were not to blame

j 1 kyaa tumhE pataa calaa? raam samajh gayaa +bsdpg

2 3 raam ne samjhaa Wbsdpg¹⁰ raam samjhaa *bsdpg

ki is mE kis kaa doS hai

have you heard? ram has figured out who is to blame

Most of these have stative¹¹ counterparts which do not ad-

8/ bhuul jaa is sometimes used as an intransitive with dative (ko) of the agent:

a mujhe yah baat bhuul gaii +dg PJp *bs
i forgot this thing

as is samajh 'understand':

b mujhe samajh nahII aa rahaa thaa ki use kis tarah
Taalaajaa jaae (act 68) +bp Delhi: +g

i couldn't figure out how to get rid of him

This may have some connection with their preference for compound manifestation with jaa rather than le.

9/ See section 4.4.1.

10/ Speaker g accepts i2 and j2 with maanaa hai and sam-jhaa hai as synonymous with i1 and j1 respectively. This suggests that in Hindi (as well as in Russian: see section 4.1.3.fn 5) a perfective form may sometimes function as an alternative to a perfect form. Unfortunately we could not pursue the question here.

11/ See section 4.3.2.6.

mit compound manifestation:

- k 1 kyaa tumhE pataa calaa? raam maan jaataa hai *bsdp
 2 Dg¹² maantaa hai +bsdp
 ki is mE tumhaaraa koi doS nahII hai
 have you heard? ram believes you weren't to blame
- L 1 kyaa tumhE pataa calaa? raam samajh jaataa hai
 2 *bsdp Dg¹³ samajhtaa hai +bsdp
 ki is mE kisii kaa doS nahII hai
 have you heard? ram's opinion is that no one is to
 blame in this

Given the distribution of the simple:compound opposition in this non-overlapping semantic contrast (at least as defined by the English glosses: maan:maan jaa::'believe': 'admit, agree'; samajh:samajh jaa::'believe, think': 'realize, figure out'), it follows that the expression of the non-stative term of these contrasts will be "inherently" compound.¹⁴

The verb uub jaa 'get sick of, become fed up with' represents a class of verbs that all imply a refusal or at least resistance to undertaking or continuing some ac-

^{12/} Acceptable to speaker g in the meaning: '...(nowadays) ram concedes that you weren't to blame' (iteration)

^{13/} Acceptable with an iterative non-stative meaning: '...ram becomes aware that no one is to blame': +g

^{14/} The stative counterpart of bhuul jaa is non-finite:
 a aaj ke log saansarik waibhaw par bhuule hai +pg
 people today are beguiled by worldly wealth *b

tivity. Included are mukar jaa 'refuse; renege', Taal jaa 'avoid', uktaa jaa 'become sick of', bor ho jaa 'become bored with', gol kar jaa 'beat around the bush about', etc. They are strongly tropic for compound manifestation:

m kyaa tumhE pataa calaa? siitaa apnii baat se

1 2 mukar gaili +pgb mukrii *pgb

did you hear? sita went back on her word

n waise mujhe sab bataa detii hai lekin is baat ko

1 2 gol kar jaatii hai +pgb gol kartii hai *pgb

as a rule she tells me everything but this thing
she avoids

o us ne apne pitaa ke lie khet par cabenaa le jaane

1 2 se manaa kar diyaa +gpb manaa kiyaa *pb +g

she refused to take the chabena to her father in
the fields

Why these expressions should prefer a compound manifestation and that so strongly, too, remains a mystery to us.¹⁵

Verbs of disappearance are also strongly compound-tropic:

p 1 kyaa tumhE pataa calaa? siitaa gaayab ho gaili

2 +sdpbg gaayab huii *sdpbg

did you hear? sita disappeared

^{15/} One might consider as speculation the idea that any positive expression of an essentially negative act (such as refusing, renegeing, ignoring, etc.) is inherently perfective because it is non-durative:
a i am refusing to go now ?* i refuse to go now +
and is by definition always "completed".

q 1 kyaa tumhE pataa calaa? kisii ne baTuaa kho diyaa

2 +sdpbg khoyaa *sdpb +g¹⁶

you heard? someone lost the wallet

r 1 kyaa tumhE pataa calaa? siitaa ghar se bhaag gaii

2 +sdpbg bhaagii *sdpbg

have you heard? sita's run away from home

s 1 kyaa tumhE pataa calaa? meraa baTuaa kho gayaa

2 +sdpbg khoyaa *spbg +d

did you hear? my wallet got lost/is missing

The operating factor in this tropism seems to be the perceived irreversibility of the action. If the results of performing the action seem irrevocable then the compound is preferred in Hindi: (contrast t2 with u2)

t 1 mAī ne kuRaa us ke sir pai phEk diyaa +pbg

2 phEkaa +g Wpb

i threw the garbage on his head

u 1 2 mAī ne kuRaa phEk diyaa +pbg phEkaa *pgb¹⁷

i threw out the garbage

In set t the action expressed has merely displaced the garbage from the speaker's hand to someone else's head.

It is still present and may come into the possession of

16/ Speaker g finds q2 acceptable provided jaan bujh kar 'on purpose' is implied. See section 4.3.3.6.

17/ Speaker g accepts u2 if the interpretation is to be 'only the garbage (and nothing else)'. See section 4.3.2.2. Speaker b accepts u2 if the implication is abhi phEkaa 'threw it out just now'.

formance and the transitive when he wishes to express such information. We have some evidence that attention to such features of the performance of an action tends to condition the simple verb.¹⁹

Assuming that we can account in one way or another for all these 'special' tendencies toward compound manifestation, we are left with a certain residual preference for the compound which encompasses almost all verbal expression in Hindi. If the marked influence of no simple environment is present, if the sentence is fairly simple (agent-(object)-verb) and final, and, most important, if there is no special stress or emphasis on any particular element in the sentence, then for almost all speakers almost all sentences sound noticeably better under compound manifestation:

y 1 2 leT jaao # +apbg leTo # *b Wap +g lie down!
 z 1 2 raam biimaar ho gayaa # +sdpgb huaa # *spgb +d²⁰
 ram got sick
 aa 1 siitaa ne apnaa naam bataa diyaa # +pbg
 2 bataayaa # *pb²¹ +g
 sita told her name

^{19/} See sections 4.3.2.3, 4.3.2.8 and 4.1.2.fn 4.

^{20/} Speaker d accepts z2 as just as good as z1 if raam is being stressed or emphasized. See fn 1, this section.

^{21/} Compare sentence sets a and d in 4.3.1. There the greater number of elements provided speakers with greater opportunity to read contrast into them.

4.5 Concluding and other remarks

The fundamental thesis of this essay has been al-
luded to throughout Section Four: The relation of compound
to simple verb is a privative, aspectual one, with the
compound expressing completion of action. We have shown
that for all compound verbs the completion expressed is at
least relative (to other action); and for most, absolute¹.
The other functions or meanings of the compound verb may
be seen as deriving from (or at least as not contradict-
ing²) this aspectual function. Conversely, meanings that
demand expression with the simple verb have been shown to
conflict with the concept of completed action.

These meanings may be grouped as follows:

	simple verb	compound verb
meanings distributed	conation (4.2)	-
without overlap	'just barely' (4.3.4.3)	'almost' (4.3.4.3)
	relative non- completion (4.2.3; 4.3.4.1)	relative com- pletion (4.2.3; 4.3.4.1)
overlappingly distri- buted meanings	(absolute completion)	absolute com- pletion (4.2)

Although they usually have independent and explicit expres-
sion in the utterance, there are other meanings which con-

¹/ The exceptions are discussed in section 4.2.2.

dition one or the other form of the verb. These are:

simple:	simple:	compound:
non-completion:	completion:	completion:
negation (4.3.2.1)	'only' (4.3.2.2)	'at last' (4.3.3.4)
states (4.3.2.6)	'with great difficulty' (4.3.2.3)	'so much so that' (4.3.3.3)
timeless verities (4.3.2.6)	'the first of all' (4.3.2.4)	'until' (4.3.3.5)
emotional experience (4.4.1)	creation and discovery (4.3.2.5)	inadvertence (4.3.3.6)
	lack of prior knowledge (4.3.2.7)	mental changes (4.4.2)
	'once, twice, three times', etc. (4.3.2.8)	
	deixis (4.3.2.2)	

Finally there are purely syntactic constraints on the occurrence of the simple:compound verb:

	simple:	compound:
modal <u>sak</u>	yes	no
intensive <u>-e</u> (<u>-y@</u>)	no	yes
progressive	stem + <u>rah@ h-</u>	stem + <u>-e</u> (<u>-y@</u>) + <u>rah@ h-</u>

Of all of these conditions, the most intriguing, the one most deserving further investigation³, and the one

^{3/} Other questions deserving further investigation include: I. To what degree is a functionally equivalent system of compound verbs found in other Indo-Aryan languages? II. In Dravidian? III. In Tajiki? (cf 4.3.2.1.fn 13) IV. In Altaic? (See Masica 1971, pp 188ff) V. What further parallels can be drawn with the aspectual system in Slavic? VI. With the Hindi conjunctive sequence? (cf 4.2.3.aL) VII. The diachrony of the Hindi compound verb.

by virtue of which the aspectual system of Hindi may very well depart most from that of Slavic⁴, is that considered under the rubric 'lack of prior knowledge' (4.3.2.7). It is this condition (for simple manifestation of the verb) that suggests that the use of the compound verb depends on more than how the contour of the action is perceived by the speaker. It suggests he must also have presupposed or pre-entertained the existence of the entities his utterance describes. In other words, the opposition simple:compound in the verb may depend on the contrast indefinite:definite with respect to associated nouns:

For example: As we have seen the Hindi equivalent of the question: 'Who came?' is unanimously preferred with a simple manifestation of the verb:

a 1 2 kaun aayaa +bsdgp kaun aa gayaa *bsdgp

However, one speaker (p) finds a2 acceptable as a question about a specific gathering: in this case the questioner is presumed to have known beforehand that someone would come; he asks here for that person's identity. In a1 on the other hand (and which everybody interpreted as the response to a knock on the door), the speaker's ignorance about the identity of the person who has come is part of a greater ignorance: he knew neither that anyone was to come nor who that anyone might be. We might translate a1 as 'Who (if

4/ Data specifically bearing on this would have to be gathered from a speaker of a Slavic language.

anyone) came?' and a2 as 'Who was the one who came?'.

Another example, one that clarifies the relation of 'lack of prior knowledge' to both 'at last' (4.3.3.4) where action is intentionally (although perhaps unwillingly) performed and 'involuntary acts' (4.3.3.6) where one acts "without meaning to":

b 1 kal raat mAI ne ajiib baat dekhii +sdbpg

2 dekh lii *sdbpg

last night i saw a strange thing

c 1 kal raat mAI ne aap kaa upanyaas dekhaa +sdbpg

2 dekh liyaa +sdbpg

last night i saw / took a look at your book

Here respondents took c2 to mean either '(intentionally) looked at' (p) or 'saw (by mistake)' (b). In either case, they interpreted c2 as presupposing the existence of a particular book which was either intended to be or intended not to be looked at. On the other hand, b2 describes what, by the nature of things, could not have been foreseen: the speaker can have no intention either positive or negative about seeing 'a strange thing'.⁵

5/ It is to this same contrast of unpresupposed:presupposed existence that the difference reported by Burton-Page in speakers' interpretations of a and b should be ascribed:

a "kyaa us ne tumhE duudh becaa
did he sell you any milk

b kyaa us ne tumhE duudh bec diyaa
did he sell you the milk (as previously agreed)?"

(Burton-Page 1957, p 473). These two sentences are cited and discussed further in Hacker 1961, p 494, fn 5, and in Pořizka 1969, p 26.

In this section (4) we have attempted to provide a methodical and objective demonstration of a hypothesis offered by Vincenc Pořízka. In the course of examining and elaborating his hypothesis we have encountered facts that impel us to offer a supplementary hypothesis: the opposition compound:simple verb in Hindi functions not only to express aspectual contrast but in addition performs the communicative functions which in English are associated with the oppositions some:any and the:a. We leave the systematic demonstration or the conclusive refutation of this hypothesis to our successors.

